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Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. S.S. Missions and Alaska Work 156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Another New Year has dawnded, and I figure I made a fair start. I have just returned from an auto trip that took me less than 1000 miles by only 30. One day I spoke four different times, I should have said held that many services, the next day two services, then went on for calling and on return picked up some other camps and held service (Sunday last) at five of them. I let the audience carry their own songs, Spirituals How they could sing. I believe I can sing with them myself having the same inflections- "Going down by the River Side, to study war no more" They have another sone, "Want to be in that Number" Which I think is a good one. A good quartett is in the group, if conditions were not so hard to get around I would take up the suggestion of the Capt. to take this group about on somewhat of a tour. That may come a little later.

Right now the going is tough in that area. Visibility is poor this time of the year with the ground being white. Avenues of appreach are bew and of course need improvement, which will come. Have you ever heard of rivers freezing from the bottom up? Well they do that up here. The water . has to go somewhere after the first freeze so it goes on top. Sometimes it does not always stay where it should stay and complication results. So to manuver under such conditionds requires utmost skill and nerve. If you hit it fainthearted you just cant make it. At times you travel on a few inches of strip with one wheel, plenty with the other, and during that episode you just pray and drive Jehu. Well I made the trip, held 13 services and after Presbytery expect to go back. This week end I will

take in three places, at least.

I do not know what has happened to my last two expense checks but I do know that I have received none for the Movember report as well as for the December. I did receive the check for the War Time Service work. caring for the time up to Jan. 1st. That has helped me out, but I need the other to buy liscence, pay tax etc. Some of our mail might have been lost, particularly the first of the absent checks. If you have sent the Mov. expense allowance some time ago and wish to send a duplicate I shall destroy the one which arrives second, if one does arrive. There is A question I would like to ask - this victory tax of 5 %, when is that to be taken from our salary? I understand you pay there for us. Since a taken

(1)e know that all things work together for good to them that-love God."-College, alaska Jan. 14/43. In. Everett B. King n.y., n.y. Dear Dr. King: -Just a few lines concerning a Check that came this week. It was marked has. We were expectingour expense cheek for nov. which was \$ /31.61, due to the two months house rent. The check that came included a month's salary but not marked which month. We had a salary Check in nov. + one in Dec. Please ask the Preas office Twhich mouth the salary check should be marked. If the Jan . salary check is in the maif we can use the one mentioned above for Feb. if the ones that were read during Mor. + Dec. were for the salary of those months respectively. That may sound strange bylan but the mail coming from n.y. is after a month on the way. They can tell

by looking up the cancelled checks for those two months. Thanks for the trouble. Lincerchy Mrs. B. J. Brigle

SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

Of_	Rev.	13.5.13	Bingle		Sun	day School Missionary
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Note—This Supplement is furnished for the purpose of giving the Missionary an opportunity of reporting special work performed during the month, for which adequate space is not provided on the regular Monthly Report blank. It should be used also, to give information concerning the conditions of the field; the progress of the Community schools under the Missionary's care and any interesting incidents or experiences in connection with the month's work. Write on both sides.

Dec 15-42 - Left Curry for anchorage. Dec 16-42 Went to Portage Inc. Construction Camp. Visit - Short Service Dec 17-42. Walked thra Wt. to Whitter - good visit with men then took Gas boat to Point 15 mi. distance - held Short Service there Very Cold - no heat in building.

Visit about "Sper" then boat back to Whittier - Too lote for Services heft Early - thru mt. - took Truck, Train & bus, arrived Palmer day: Dec 18 -42. Dec 19-42. heft Tam. for Jonesville & Eska - Called - held worshif walked back Dec 10-42. Walked of rom Sutton to Palmer 14 mi . - visit enroute - took transfor Dec21-42. Caro d for business . took trainfor Curry Cate Pm -Dee32-42. Curry to Fairbanks - very cold - Plenty trouble & riskin travel. Dec 23-42. tail banks business for out post, - 11 ome Christmas ove. Dee 24-42-Home all day - Some army boys came in PM. Had 2 away De + 25-42 Still cold to rode truck with others to Jarvis Creek for Dec26-42. Christmas entertainment Held Service for Mon white group - assisted in worship at Dec 27-42. at home - made Preparation by getting car operating ete to Carry Christmas County, Wats, Cookies to Monwhite group Dec 38 - 42 in rang outpot ? heft carty 3:30 - by having car trouble got in middle of 2029-42. Convoy - made no. of Places - distributed gifts & made Preto for worship on return - tough going tell 3. Services heft Tanna Cross for Tetlin country - samo as dry orfon Dec30-42-Return & J. C. - more worship - one blag-much below o fortesendly Dec 31 - 42. Took two stranded men to point about Bulhana - Visited Jan 1 - 42. enroute - Conference on Luture work. Jan 2-42 Collected Egaipt ment - Leared Weather made return to J. C. + Fiction Jan 3-42. drove back to Janvis Creek-over conditions neverbefore even Saw. Held 5 dufferent Services Tassisted folk to get where Jan 4-42. Drove on back to Fairbanks feeling I was wiser, had on brake less T also than I did some good. Jan 5-8-42- about home on town on business-also on wood sile. Jan 9.42 haft for river again - 1 service as non white place .- visits.

Jan 10 - 42 - Car trouble - held me up number of hours Left hate for Point 35 mi distance - held worship, visiked Jan 11 - 42 Back home after darting & skirting more ice conclitions
Jan 12-42 - Wood Pile & Office - appreciations to am. Legions for gift to Boys or out pats. Jan 13 - 42 - office - wood pile town for Conference with Special Service & an. Red Eross on Justane Grogram for 'Mon white' - 97th Eng. gram East & South who took hard part in building road. Jan 14 - of one I wood file church work on Mission report to Presbyteryo

College, Alaska Feb. 1, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and Sunday School Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I wish to thank you for the two checks, the first from Mrs. Rush Taggart and the second from the War Time Service Commission. Such thoughtfulness makes one get down and work the harder that the cause we both love may the better succeed. I am writing "rs. Taggart on this mail.

You communication on the checks came throught we will expect to receive our next salary check in March.

Enclosed you will find the Sunday School Missions report that I gave to Presbytery. I have shortened the last sheet as it had resoluntions on it that the Presbytery asked to be incorporated in the resolutions of the lational Missions Committee, or were eliminsted entirely.

Enclosed you will find my annual report blank filled out the best that I could. Some things could not be put on this year due to consorship. I hope the note put invite the second page will care for the matter that would have been placed on the last page. Consorship in this case handicans one from giving you increasion that you need to

Would it be possible for you to come up this coming Summer and attend our Young People's Camp at King's Lake? It begins Aug. 17th and runs for seven days. If you can do so, caring at the same time for the matters you wished to care for when you thought of coming this Spring. I certainly wish to have youteach some particular courses and also have you care for the final hour about the camp fire where the real appeal for the day is given. This hour is closed on the final night with the fagot service. If there is no possible way for you to come then I wish to ask Dr. James A. Millar of Portland if he will not be at our camp. I would rather have you, asking him for another year. -- I am not the deen this year, Rev. G. E. Knight, Methodist, of Seward is, and I am sure he will welcome any such help. I am chairman of the Christian Education committee of the Presbytery. I keep close tough with him and we work together effectively for the conference each year. He is a mighty good man.

If a Mr. Washburn calls at your office it would be worth your while to him. He will give an enlarged picture of the work up here.

Will the 1943 church calenders come through, or will our percel post regulations stop them? They would add so much to bare board barracks and offices, as well as to the homes.

sincerely, B.S. Bugle.

College, Alaska Feb. 9, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions Board of Noational Missions Presbyterian Church U.S.A. 156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Just a little over one month Spring begins and it is necessary to begin thinking on some type of coherent program for the following months. I received a letter from Miss Stauffer about coming to her place for Easter time, saying she had written you. As yet I have not heard what the move about Percy is so am waiting word from you before making plans for that at all. I am hoping that if I am to go to the West that I do go before that time as I want to carry on a particular piece of work in this area.

Two things as a Presbytery we should figure on, first-a certain amount of additional life in the area where Fred is, perhaps including Percy's present place or even more. Second- that by another year or less I may not need to fly to my embarkation point where both Rev. Youel and self awaited for second transportation to take its to where Ann Bannan was. Think this over. New life will be everywhere. Complexions of things entirely changed. With this condition we no doubt will be on the increase greatly with our work. This work will begin with the present. It may be unbelievable the amounts one may have to minister to. Again, if the same thing happens this year as last, that the folks concerned bring in their own hired minister, then we may be just filling in here or there. Our man Porter that I wrote you concerning who was the hired minister last year did a very good piece of work. If one is to come up I hope it is he.

When at Presbytery David stated that he did not wish to return to Cordova after General Assembly but he did not wish to leave the Presbytery. He further stated he was in communication with you on the subject. David is good in very many ways, the towns folks and the ordinary man on the street likes him very much. I think David is discouraged thinking he is alone in his reverses in attendance with the old timer in his town. I feel this is true with every church in the North regardless of denomination. I see evidence of it. People are moving or are detained as never before. Hence it is the nonpermanent man or woman one has to get for his congregation. I understand David has that person. -- What I am trying to say is: I do not believe that we should let David get out of our Presbytery at this time if we can give him work. If workers are needed religiously to care for what may be our responisibility in the near or immediate future I believe he is the type of man that could carry that work. In this Wartime Service Commission program is it not possible to assign a man to a particular task, either with armed forces or defense work? If it is, such may fit into the picture for a few months till we find our where we are. At least this is something to keep in mind if we need to move fast. We can settle nothing now. Another phase of the subject I wish to present, and again I can not say a word that will be final now. If things go ahead in development in the Territory as last year, and if they do improvement on the last year's development, which certainly must be done, then I have the feeling that my car that have will be battered to pieces in just a hort time. Rocks, stimps, high centers of dirt, ditches to cross, rivers to pass thru, and the like will be the obstacles I will have to overcome. My car is too low for all of that. I know I should wait perhaps to find out for sure if I need another conveyance but then when I need it, it will be too late to get it up here for the time to be of service this year, and this year in particular is when I will need it. I have in mind either of two cars, a high wheeled Ford- not the standard kind; or a Country Type Dodge. Both by slight adjustment run in the cold weather up here better than the othercars. In a way I prefer the latter car, the engine rides high and the clearance under the axils is much more than most cars.

Would if be possible, if I should need to have it so, for me to take my Wartime Service fund coming to me for the present and purchase that car -- either a Ford or a Dodge high wheeled and high Gentered "Pickup"? They are listed in the truck class I believes I do not believe that I can get either one of them here as those concerned simply will not handle cars under the present trouble. Hence I would need to get one from some place outside. I may not be able to get one North on the Steamship line, so I amy have to pick it up at Dawson Creek and drive it through. I can get down that far by truck I am sure, I get down part way there now, as far as the boarder with my work. In that case I would have to rely on another to get it purchased for me after I have my permit. Again, I would not dare to purchase that car with my own present finances. I have not the reserve left anymore to do such purchasing. Too I wish to keep the car I have as the family will need it while I am gone, or we will need it when we all go together. I know I have assurances that this fund is only one year duration, but if there is a job that has to be done we should do that job. The car, if purchased by the above method, could be resold at the discression of the Commission and the money returned to them. -- This is all depending on the "if we need". I would like to have a reaction to your thinking on the matter as it may be important.

For some reason the "Today" magazines are not coming through. I do not believe Rev. Champlin has received his yet either. I need the 100 copies coming along as usual. I did miss those calanders. I did want to put pictures on walls for men to look at that did not include slightly clad women. Those pictures came thru alright. I am fed up on some other things, with plenty of other Liquor of various kinds can come thru, up to 10 % of the cargo- I am sure I am correct on this statement- but try prchasing magazines on the news stands or the soldier try getting a package from home and there is great difficulty. It is time for someone to break loose againt this kind of doings. Are we sincere?? You can't ask questions here but check on it from that end and see if the Home Missions Council will not do something in the way of correction. We need less liquor, we need something for intellectual and spiritual food Sincerely, B. J. Bingle

Report Jan 15- To Feb 14-43_ most half of month was shout attending Presbytery. - I did get much calling done enroute.

- I did get to be with the S.S. for study + worship at Healy. - The weather being cold the Passenger training canceled - I was obtidged to ride the freight it did allow me to do better calling - Two delays were enroute home - One the engine went off the rails - another was minor just a partial injury & colores sto. my work to the East - I visited out fosts - military and exulia construction. I held worship for both white or colored troops. The latter are very responsible - They surely can sing. The white forces too are doing fine sine I am owner or less their factor for the present. - We plan a mid write wantitule here or Farbanks with Ren Charplin - That care off this wk. and. If it succeeds we hope to have more for the outposts. This last try I crossed one piver on ice as smooth as a floor - the next day 9 could not cross as all - tried the following evening I the can don - 5 hrs later I got is bulled out. I had to fund it in shope or leave is on the far bank. - I rode big trush them to my work of the eventually home. my can is out then yet? all in a days work.

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Dr. Everett B. King , See. alasha work + S. S. missions tresbyterian Church U.S. a. 156 Fifth Que. N. y. city.

My dear Dr. King: Enclosed find news letter, 3t brotin a contribution, will enclose it with

Report. Hohe to send Report Tomorrow.

That returned from Trip with ear. - I should say, "returned without car" after extracting ir from a river of ice I serir high on the bank - will get it - when? - 50 for have been very encouraged about results with Enlisted men. your wire about going to Water received. I hope to get off in about a week. Rov. Champlin & self are working out a program to make contribution to service men in out posts, - greet Program

Was I to get Calanders? None have arrived. Calendars with Slightly clad women on have arrived to decorate the Board wells of the Ermy borracks out in the woods. However they - The saloons - have made some improvement over last year.

100 copies coming for the duration also send 25 copies each quarter of Home Bapt quarterlies, and to church Shool leaftets?

g graded material, both Primary & baginers - Each. - Thomas. 31

our last Expense check omitted the vent of 3500 I will include

it in next report as yet due. I sure need it to keek work going correctly.

Hole you get up time as Plannel- you should come? I hope

get back for your coming - Sinceres, B. J. Bingle. The Presbyterian Church has many of its men in construction work or in military service in the Territory. Some may be doing the plain job of keeping the wheels turning. You may be one of them. If you are not a member of the Presbyterian Church you may be a member of another or no church, it makes no difference. By arrangement through the Home Mission Council we are asked to assist in your ministry. We may come to you from time to time either as field representative or as the pastor of an established church. Is there any way we can make you feel more welcome to Alaska? Let us know. If you have matters for discussion, come around. If Alaska has been your home you already know the fellowship of the pastor or the missionary, Greetings to all'

Rev. Armstrong of Anchorage, Rev. Crawford of Cordova, Rev. Champlin of Fairbanks & the pastor at Palmer invite you to attend worship & call at the manse anytime you are in their respective communities.

Meet your camp Chaplain, make yourself known to him. He is not

only looking for you, he wants to know you.

Rev. Armstrong of Anchorage has a strong Christian Endeavor Program at 6:30 each Sunday evening. The is about 100 in attendance. Worship follows the hour of discussion, after which is fellowship, games and a "snack". Look up the church if in Anchorage, you'll like in

Rev. Champlin of Fairbanks has a like program each Sunday evening. On Fare. and Thur. of Each week the basement of the church is open for pingpong and other games. The usual worship is 11 A.M. each Sun.

Come around if in Fairbanks, you will enjoy it there also.

Those of you who get to Cordova know the welcome to the church and the manse as given by Rev. Crawford. And don't forget the welcome that Ann Crawford gives is not small. So see the Crawfords if inCordova

At a Pairbanks outpost last Autumn a special unit from the Chruch and town gave entertainment to the men. Skating, skiing, coasting as well as indoor recreation was a part of the program. The events close

with a church worship on Sunday.

The 97th Engineers- Alcan Highway builders- were given a special treat this Christmas by the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, the wives of the Vetrans of Foreign Wars, the American Red Cross, and the general missionary of the Presbyterian Church. Cookies, nuts and candy were delivered in person to each respective camp, and were greatly appreciated. The American Red Cross throught the help of the V.F.W. covered the other areas. You who received know that we who gave did it with all our hearts.

JUST A THOT: We of the church appreciate all you are going thru, some of our number have been thru it before. All of us who live in the Territory are under strain, uncertainity, danger, and inconvenience. But as civilians we have not yet learned how to live. We do hurtful things which gives us less effort to accomplish a task. That spills over into military life. Ideals, courtesies, cleanliness in thot and conduct, sobriety, and dedication to a task and to our Creator must be held to. If we Civilians, Enlisted men, and Officers hold firm and steady in this hour we need not fear what America will be when the present crisis is over.

I as general missionary have enjoyed meeting you all who are in the scattered areas. This last year I traveled by car, train, air, dogs, foot and CABOOSE. The boys on the R.R. need a medal pinned on them for their efforts. Some of you have it not so hard, others just the opposite. Keep up the good work. We appreciate your untiring effor Sincerely and fraternally.

Rev. B. J. Bingle

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My dear Dr King!

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in leadership & scholars that I can searchy
get them to order their own. However I have
always rec'd a Lain offering at the mine for
the lesson material.

I am headed East in The morning to attempt to get my ear which I had I seave beyond a river. I should leave lov the West on Mar. I'm or there-about. I mired Miss Stauffer of my coming.

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ALASKA NEWS By Rev. B. J. Bingle over to Kniekum.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION REPORT FOR 1943

13.2 has been one of diversion, plainness, interest, excitement, and even bordering on danger. I have traveled by air and by dogs, by rail and by sea, I have driven my own oar and I have thumbed. To get to one area I rode a bulldoser; to get to emother I walked. I felt that I had ridden the last of all vehicles when I rode the muck train thru a mountain to get to two fairly large camps. God has been guiding along the way. A forced landing on Bearing Sea brought myself into contact with a fine Eskimo family, a forced stay of St. Lawrence Is. gave me a larger concept of Eskimo life and an appreciation of their qualities.

These last few weeks have been one of much reliance on the great Creator. Out in one area were men of a different color living in tents, temperature so low that folks in the vicinity actually cut kerosene with a knife. These men were face to face with Christmas without their homes, wives, sweethearts, children or parents and with the possibility of receiving no mail. I had seen them in their temporary places of living; seen them at their labors during the early Autumn; and, to me it meant that something had to be done. The American Legion was contacted at Pairbanks, the Auxiliary was spoken to, and word came to the wives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the result was that boxes of candy, cookies and nuts were prepared and left in waiting.

How to overcome the glaciers, cross the rivers chocked with ice, and to keep one's car in operation during the coldness of the season that these Christmas rememberances could get to these men was the question. If a thing is right God will take care of the way is my belief. The thought that was most in my mind those days previous to going was, "Who will roll away the Stone." I felt God would see me across the ice if only I would get to the ice first. The morning I left, 5:30 by the clock, I soon developed engine trouble, too much ice. After some delay it cleared up and lo, that put me right in the middle of a local convoy. Except in one instance I made all those glaciers on my own power, and that instance was only to pull me back so I could get another start. Some glaciers made us turn into civil engineers, lowering lake levels above the road bed, pick and shovel possible high centers, and then with a prayer to God drive on narrow strips of ice for some little distance where there were rivers coated with insecure ice on the one hand and bar pits of water and ice, (plenty of cars sunken in the same, in one case just the top of a "pickup" remaining out) on the other, While I did not get this trip made by Christmas I did within a few days after, and the gifts to the men and the worship services by the men in eleven respective places made all the effort I put forth very much worth while.

All the year has certainly not been a colorful as the last few weeks but this year I have traveled the distance of 19,567 miles, made 1,714 calls, held 149 periods of worship, distributed 29,953 pages of religious material, and held 226 individual conferences relative to the program and work. I am very reticent about speaking of people being "converted", I feel the Judgment day will tell that tale, but as the result of my efforts in conjunction with the missionaries on the Island and the pastors of the churches from which people from the states have come no less than two score persons have individually given statement of their committal to Christ and His Higher Way of Life. I will add further that it is my conviction that many many more than that I have helped hold to their Christian ideals of previous years.

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These places are along the old and lew highway. One port town where our latine beys from the A. Le may be found, 14 of which are from our one mission station, is an observe spot on the sea coast. A fourth accomplishment was a tour with the hired clergy in of one construction company over most of the highway this side of Canada, bringing the sord of the and scenes of the Territory which gave a clearer picture of the country to which they were building a road. A fifth accomplishment was in conjunction with hev. O. W. Lindall of Palmer and Rev. G. E. Inight of Jeward in which a most productive young copie's conference was held at King's Lake during the month of August, Laying plans for a conference was held at King's Lake during the month of August, Laying plans for a conference withis next year. There were others but I wish in particular to list lastly the publication of the "TRAIL BLAZER".

1942 also had some reverses, two of which I wish to mention. The order forcing the old mining to cease closed three of our Sunday Schools. A second reverse was the removal of all but two members of our Menana Church from Menana; the incoming of a new Spisco, al Rector to care for the white as well as the Native work, and the use by this person of the same building I was occasionally using for worship purposes. After discussing the matter with Elder Robinson now of Anchorage and Elder Jones yet of Menana, it was decided to discontinue holding services for the time being and carry on a policy of watchful writing. Our property there may be of value to us or another at a later time due to new developments, hence the watchfulness. This also complies with the request of Presbytery and the urging of the National Board in its relationship with the Episcopal folks at Menana subsequent to 1930.

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1942 also had some reverses, two of which I wish to mention. The order forcing the gold mining to cease closed three of our unday Schools. A second reverse was the removal of all by two members of or Mennan Church from Menana, the incoming of a new spiscopal Rector to care for the hite as well as the Native work, and the use by this person of the same building I was occasionally using for worship purposes. After discussing the natter with older Robinson of Menana now of Anchorage and elder Jones vet of Menana it was decided to discontinue holding services for the time being and carry on a policy of watchful waiting. Our property there may be of value to us or another at a later time due to new developments, hence to watchfulness. This also complies with the request of Presbytery and the urging of the National Board in its relationship with the piscopal folks at Nenana subsequent to 1930.

Three recomendations or requests I wish to make at this time:

1. That the publication of the Trail Blazer be commented on that Dr. King of hew York office and the Bunday chool his ionery might have guidance as to future editions, - in materials used, materials presented in the future by the pastors and the number of copies to be printed.

- 2. That the Presbytery fully consider the recommendation given by the National Missions Committee in its requests regarding hales and St. law-rence Island. appointment of a moderator.
- 3. That the Presbytery spain take up as a unit the promoting of a young people's conference and unite with the Methodists of Seward and a few of us as Individuals draw of the Presbytery in holding such conference. Accepting of course the framework laid down for the 1943 conference by those that met at King's Lake in 1942.

Rev. B. J. Bingle- Sunday School Missions Yukon Presbytery.

March 1, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle College, Alaska

Dear Bingle:

If I overlook anything you will be good enough to call my attention to it. First of all let me say that I have rechecked on your calendars. The order was filled and 1000 calendars was shipped to you by mail on January 25. If course, there was no time for you to receive this shi ment when you wrote to me. With this order, I also sent you 50 copies of "A Year With The Bible". Let me know if you fail to receive this package. I have also filled your order today for 25 copies of the Home Department quarterlies together with ten Church School leaflets of graded materials. I trust that this order will go through and that you will receive it in due time.

I noted that your rent of \$35.00 on your expense item, and have honored it.

I have been writing to David Crasford at Cordeva, but there is nothing definite as yet as to what the future will hold. I hope that we can hold on to him and I shall bear in wind your suggestion of using him under war-Time service if that becomes necessary. I shall be more than glad to talk to him when he comes out.

In regard to the Dodge high wheeled and high centered pick up, I think it would be wise for you to purchase this car. Accordingly, you have my permission. I do not know where I can find the money, but I can give you the assurance that it will be taken care of in some may. The War-Time Service may thumbs from on us for such a request, but there are other places to make appears to. So my advice is that you had better purchase the pick-up and do it as soon as possible.

I am not sure about my proposed visit to Alaska, and do hope that it will be possible, but just at present there is nothing certain. If you feel that you must have a definite answer about the Young reopie's Conference at King's Lake for August 17, I think you would be safe in extending your invitation to Dr. Miller. It may be possible for me to be there, but there is nothing definite now.

hir. Washburn has not called at my office up to date. I do hope that he comes for I am sure that he would be able to give me a good deal of valuable information.

some difficulties as yet that have not been hurdled.

I read with a great deal of interest your Sunday School Missionary Report for 1943. I wonder if you have sent copies of this to your friends. If cot, I shall sent to have it mineogra, hed and use it in publicity work.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

College, Alaska ar. 4. 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York. N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I planned to be gone from here to Nome last Monday already, but with travel as it is. I am still here. There may be something worked out so I can go tomorrow. I must catch the mail plane out of Nome for Wales, else I may have grave difficulty in getting there, or even returning. Everyone is so busy that I fear taking a chance of getting anyone to go any distanne with a dog team.

Yesterday I received a statment from the National Board which if it stands will cost me just \$38.00. I have reference to my income for the year 1942. My salary is \$1900.00. The statement from the office says that I was paid in 1942 the toatal in salary \$2206.41. Where it is apparent the arror lies in the overpayment for Nov. and Dec. by the Treas. and later that amount was made to stand for my Jan. and Feb. salary. I do not mind paying the income tax if I have the salary as stated, but I do not like to pay for \$2206.41 if I only get \$1900.00.

Would you have those concerned with the making out of those statments make out a corrected statement and forward the same to the proper destination, giving me at the same time a copy of the corrected statument? think a letter should accompany that statment so I will not be held as having falsified my statement already filed with the local office. I wish to have a copy of that letter.

In the Feb. number of the Popular Science you will find a statment on Alaska. That will tell many things for the future up here which will of course enlarge our work.

I also received a statement from the Home Missions Council relating the the work and workers in the Territory. I see that the Methodist Pastor at Seward is listed as having his parish- Seward and Whittier. That last word may bear some study. I have been in that section having services, Rev. Crawford has passed thru and called. I believe the word of the engineer in charge can be relied upon when he states that we have been the only clergy in the camp during its construction. When you come North we should have some understanding on this subject so the future will not be unpleasant.

Again when you come North I would like to take you over some of the roads I cover so you can get an idea of the work I have been trying to carry on. It would be nice if you could meet some of the Presbyterian Chaplains up here too. I hope that I can get back so I will not miss you. I would feel that I have been cut in my efficiency and effectiveness if miss your visit.

Sincerely, R. J. Brush M. - Yukon Presh

Callege, alaska Har. 1/43. Dr. Everett B. King, Wear Dr. Ving: Dert asked me to write you that we had getter away for nome & Wales yesterlay. He hans on meeting a slave there that so to make a trip to one of the Islands rearly and will drop him enroute and pick frim ut later on his way to nome. This same pilot, as we understood by talking to the office here, was to have arought Berey to name. The napel Thank seen Percy while in Frame. Whether this kes all warked out as planned I do not know until Thear from Best. The got your letter at the Callege Post Office while on the way to the sirport. The pilet Care wine 15 m. to go wack to town & ask about a priority on buying a sick up. He will give him the preasity if he can find a blace to bure lase one! The n. C. to. will -in mire has now also one of the trusted of the I werel siere + sorro runs tu stansara Parage i reasing for the wales tring nach a

lauble 1; huses over the biginay. He is gaing & inquire for line. The parsialy would hand & go to Earnon tone or whales to get it I wan get a wald of the Papular Leiner Lar Tieb. now can understand why he will pera a bickup. But wanted me to suggest that next aux aux as early as tassiale have to the limited shipping The calendars have not arrived as yet but we are still hapeful. But did not make any copies of his annual report. Il nou make capies capies. The have had a very severe winter allower alaska but have managed to come out on tab. It is much better now and the Estension Service from the University have us all Thinking and planning for our Victory Gardens Jimmy is getting 5 the lb. for his patatoes that he raised last year. The kept him in the basement. He buy stamps & bands with the money be maked on them! The are habing you will get ut to Elaska Best will show you dround it was do. Sincerely makel Makel Bringle

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Dr. : verett. B It. my, Seu. alaska Work & J.S. Missions Borrd & Wation & Musion Prest frian the U.s.a. 156 Fight are. Wy. City. Ty dear A. Kings

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Nome is strategie Place. No town minister is here. The Enaplain 18 outsould - after brieg time still more important Pastor have - Congregationalist supposed to supply - joint with methodist. It is now their turn.

I hope you can get north so I can give you a personal variety of that which I try to write.

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ree'd a note about our delegates not Starting till purther word. I'm happy to learn colundars are on the in - now if they can get thru. much lead room on the boats for whisking! 10% of cargo space for liquor interests? I Spoke wire yesterday - lagrama white sum a - good restrose.

of I am to go again next year maybe Plans should be made to go a month contention in On the Shore of Bering Sea & white etc.

sinearly Rav. BJ. Boyle.

13 space is important I will but signi notes about last months work below = On Feb 15 - I strought to take in seea lost of Fairbale Mosting compo of other places. I was soe to get but our with my car sut ruens were over flowing so I had to at . In it my trip. On returning I had my car is one overflow sout 134 as we to running brand. - 5 is. later I was asie to stir extracted. Unter drawing It out that night soit would not greege 9 back the beach I refined of rager his the reconditioned it in the real will. more daly - the serve thra with others les my the car. may I was aske to get in and bring some vorp three on a youth Compensar hald at the Possythen Charles who the ware the - putitived day. It was not as well attend a 20 100 would " ene filed but it was a starte of something sent with there a The estimation of the vorys of the officers. It willed in normality a front who well now have serveres in their conf is a forme of the Lakes by Fairbonks the participated in of Farming C. E. the comp 115 miles. my next more was to get & none so deanth so twelle. Hat . en another lask all week & ted it when set 2 P. M. ... some I would make I comper get who a got what on sure we I done the 250 miles - held we ship - a with & n ges comp + returned about 2: to a m. thy to go Thomas & q.m. - Whe could not get of the feeld that we did get up made in We had to trum sock enroute o stay as a one 3 mg to. V. The is Godo took no me would ever get me of the prome to cover that which I have covered the to expect is its. Rou. 13.5. 13.my/e P.S. - my countries definitely than 3.5 miss. 9 all provisions your to me stations or wales or in the Island Sould Muse Thospha Ther weeks to be getting ordered nour. 9 will tell & more Stanffer or Stand nour. 9 will tell is mere Stanffer or Stand nour. 9

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MEWS LETTER FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NORTH & WEST ALASKA

The Presbyterian Church has many of its men in construction work or in military service in the Territory, Some may be doing the plain job of keeping the wheels turning, You may be one of them. If you are not a member of the Presbyterian Church you may be a member of another or no church, it makes no difference. By arrengement through the Home Mission Council we are asked to assist in your ministry. We may come to you from time to time either as field representative or as the pastor of an established church. Is there any vay we can make you ieel more welcome to Alaska? Let us know, Ii you lave ratters for discussion, come around. If Alaska has been your home you already know the fellowship of the pastor or the missionary. Greetings to all

Rev. Armstrong of Anchorage, Rev. Crawford of Cordova, Rev. Champiof Fairbanks & the pastor at Palmer invite you to attend worsnip & call at the manse anytime you are in their respective communities. Meet your camp Chaplain, make yourself known to him. He is not

ponly looking for you, he wants to know you.

Rev. Armstrong of Anchorage has a strong Christian Endeavor Program at 6:30 each Sunday evening. The is about 100 in attendance. Worship follows the hour of discussion, aft'r which is fellowship, games and a 'snack". Look up the church if in Archorage, you'l like it

Rev. Champlin of Fairbanks has a like program each Sunday evening. 'On Tue. and Thur. of Each week the basement of the church is open for pingpong and other games. The usual worship is il A.M. each Sun.

Ocome around if in Pairbanks, you will enjoy it there also.

Those of you who get to Cordova know the welcome to the church and the manse as given by Rev. Crawford. And dont forget the welcome that Am Crawford gives is not small. So see the Crawfords if inCordove At a Pairbanks outpost last Autumn a special unit from the Chrush

and town gave entertainment to the men. Skating, skiing, coasting as Wwell as indoor recreation was a part of the program. The events close.

with a church worship on Sunday.

The 97th Engineers- Alcan Highway builders- were given a special treat this Christmas by the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, I the wives of the Vetrans of Foreign Wars, the American Red Cross, and the general missionary of the Presbyterian Church. Cookies, nuts and candy were delivered in person to each respective camp, and were greatly appreciated. The American Red Cross through the help of the AV.F.W. covered the other areas. You who received know that we who

gave did it with all our hearts.

JUST A THOT: We of the church appreciate all you are going thru, some of our number have been thru it before. All of us who live in the Territory are under strain, uncertainity, danger, and inconvenience. But as civilians we have not yet learned how to live. We do hurtful things which gives us less effort to accomplish a task. That spills over into military life. Ideals, courtesies, cleanliness in that and conduct, sobriety, and dedication to a task and to our Creator must be held to. If we Civilians, Enlisted men, and Officers hold lirm and steady in this hour we need not fear what America will be when the present crisis is over.

I as general missionary have enjoyed meeting you all who are in the scattered areas. This last year I traveled by car, train, air, dogs, foot and CABOOSE. The boys on the R.R. need a metal pinned on them for their efforts. Some of you have it not so hard, others just the opposite. Keep up the good work. We appreciate your untiring effor

Sincerely and fraternally, Rev. B. J. Bingle

& mailed

March 19, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Mabel Bingle College, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Bingle:

Thank you for writing me about the where bouts of Bert. I hope that he has a profitable trip to None and W les, and that when he returns he will live me some up to the minute into tion about Percy.

I am also glad that he is making investigations about the pickup. Just as soon as he finds anything definite, places let me know.

I am sorry that I do not move in course of minute's annual report. I am senting you six. We have used the others in promotional work.

Thank you for the word about Jimmy. I trust that you and all the family are well, even though you have had a severe winter.

Cordially yours,

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College, Alaska Mar. 30, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Back again, and what antrip! I told you a little in the last letter how we were detained so many days enroute. Like to counted the spruce needles over the Yukon River to get thru, too many miles. Then we hit storm in Lome awaiting a plane. When one thinks of that country one is forced to think of it just as a tough country. You had some delay there yourself, think of it in the Winter. After six days weit we started for the port of destination- Wales. At a half way point, Teller, we were forced to remain ove night as more weather. The next morning it was obvious that was as far as the plane would go so it was to go by dog-team tre rest of the way, 67 miles. After finding the team and driver we started out, but only to discover the 4 pairs of pants I had on was not enough. The same goes for what is above the weitline. At Teller Mission I called at the school and saw the teacher and later at the Norwegian Luthern Missionary home and saw the missionary. At these two places I found a good fur parky and skin breetches. The wind was so strang that we forced to remain overnight there also. The pastor of the church called his Esquimos together and we had services that The next morning it was clear even though cold and we went on. night. arriving about 10 the same evening.

Miss Stauffer was fine, looking good and enjoying her work as usual. I think her hearing is not quite as good but that has not slowed her down a bit. The weather bing wat it was the next morning the attendance of those that had little babies was rather curtailed but most everyone else in the community was out. There had been quite a little flu and on calling the next day found no small amount of sickness. A good corps of teachers manned the S.S., from old to young. I spoke at that service for my first time.

In the aftern on the young people met and one notices there the fact that there are but few young men left in the village. They too had a fixe service which they conducted and at which I again spoke. A meeting of the Board of elders followed, making plans for the evening communion service.

At this communion service it was inspiring to see the peoples from the respective sections of the church come and bow before the altar and receive the elements. The elders did a very fine work in serving. Everyone, including the children were very attentive and reverent. The people: left this service feeling that Christ was very near to them for the occasion.

On Monday we went to the various home to baptize the little ones, the wattheing too rough for them to come the day previous. It gave me the opportunity to again visit the folks where they live. We baptized seven little ones and served communion to the sick or the detained nothers. Each service we tried to make it as impressive as the service the day before. Some of those houses had snow clear over the poof, you can imaging how one would get into them. -- In the afternoon I again spoke to the young people. -- Monday evening we had a con regational meeting, elected another elder, made plans for mission giving and gifts to the War Time Emergency fund, then closed with a heart to heart talk to the church officers. Mixed with this meeting were songs and a short sermon. I felt that we were able to accomplish something

The following day I planned on returning but we found the weather impossible again so we were forced to remain over till Wednesday noon. But This cave me me more chance for contact with groups and with individuals.

Some things that came to my attention:

- 1. The old day of Alaska is over, more contact with Whites than ever, more relating forced to take on white man's ways and competed with him in the labor market. With this comes T.B., and sometimes the vices, but as yet no drinking at Wales. It will take a strong church program to keep men, women and youth going the way they should go. We dare not relax, we must advance.
- 2. his year there is to be a demand to do white man's labor and that will mean that little time will be had to put up their own type of food. In the autumn they may have meney in their pockets but that will not be sufficient if they cannot purchase there things they need to eat. If they do not do so it will be a duplication of other communities this year. So I tried to tell the officers they must get their own food beside the work. In one place they are transporting food by "cats" some \$60 miles, the cost is unbelievable. If provisions do not come North on time this year belts will have to have new holes put into them . -- Out people at Wales will go out this year to work or get food even in larger numbers than before I am convinced .-- And the young men are gone, puttingmore work on others. 3. Miss Stauffer has quite a bit of food yet, she will have to have quite a few staples. She will either have to get oil or she will have to close up shop in the late autumn. As a recomendation to cover all possible angles this is my suggestion: - that we put in a duplicate order to Polets" at Nome for at least a part of the food and oil that we expect to have come North from Seattle, so if one does not get here the other can be relied on. Last year the boat was there but could not dare unload, smaller boats from Nome can slip in with food when there is a break in the weather or ice conditions .-- I have a list of supplies that could be ordered from Nome to Wales for emergency. If you wish me to send the list to you or you wish me to order such at least in part I shall be happy to comply. 4. I also found a good interchurch conference going on in Apr., associated with the Reindeer roundup. Next year, if I am to return again, I might time my going with the convention. We should have a strong group of young people over there, and that means leadership. They travel quite a distance this year by dogs.

5. I find a similar conference in the Mome area going on right now. That has good future possibilities for the youth of Seward Peninsula. The

Sweedish folks are heading that up.

On my way back we had to remain over night in a shelter cembin, continuing our trip by dogs the next day. The temperature was somewhat lower than you have there and the wind about s bad as you get it. My conclusions were that in the last decade we have tried to change everyting in the U.S.A. but Christmas and the North pole and I hope they do not try to bring that pole any further South. After being in Nome for three nights I was able to get a plane for Fairbanks, but stopping in the camp where there has been only one protestant services since last July. I held the second service for them, then caught another plane and came on home. It is a little off the beat of things for me but I hope to get back there again so those boys will have so ething. There are some fine fellows attack.

A word as to St. Lawrence Island: I did not get over as I ha hoped to do. If I had gone on the plane that went I would have missed the : ail planse that left for Wales. I did find this thru contact with some of the Island boys now at Nome awaiting return as being rejected from the Army that the church is going along about as usual. I received a letter from one of the elders who gave me that information also. They had to shut down temporarily due to whooping cough but will repopen when that is over. did learn too that some of the boys return from the army and had picked up bad habits and were teaching the others- at least one boy in particular. I had been able to have a personal visit with the commandin, officer of the above region and after finding I couldnot go to the Island I wrote him a note asking that when the boys were returned that if possible he would include in the list to go the chaplain who is the head one and of the Congregational Church. He will hold communion, get the elders to ether and bring back any word to me that they want him to bring back and also if there was a demand to baptize babies that he would care for that but if no demand to let that part out. Because of the flu so many little ones die so the reason for the above, There is perhaps flu there too. makes it and reports I will forward the information.

Now as to Percy an his going .-- Words fail me to express my hurt of no missionary on the Island. But somehow when we had the chince to get one on there last Autumn I could not get anyone to see the urgency of quick action. We just 'fooled about till we missed the last boat going into the place. I felt we could have had food on the Island if instead of writing letters for information we would have sent wires. It would have cost more but we would have had accomplished what we want to accomplish Mail conditions are not good up here, you cannot depend on anyting. There will be a change later, but it will be worse. This is what I think is the case- Percy received his letter late in the year about going. Answers came by mail and then some wires were sent, then there was a blackout. I and the others wished to know what the next move was. I thought that it was because the usual plane going in there was detained and he would come when the plange finally arrived. The pilot thought so too appareantly accordin to his note to me at Nome, He only says Mrs. Ipalook and she told him that Percy intended to come to Kotzebee the last of Apr. by dog team. Apparently from there he would proceed to Nome. As to how he figures he can get from Nome to the Island at that time of the year, middle of May, is going to meet some difficulties. He might get there in time for the one plane but by not having his order for food in so it can be taken from Nome in small quanities in respective trips, he might find difficulty in getting in supplies. Too by that time Priorities may cut out his going on that plane. To cover any possible tie up I asked those converged to take over certain staples on their next trip- April. It will not come amiss as it can always be used, or even sold if necessary to those there. The ones sending the plane over told me he had 8000 lbs of one item to go alone. You can see what chance we have to get food and a man on if we do not get going with what we have. Daugherty can store it in the school for us. Did I do wrong? I am now waiting for a plane to go to Barrow and will tell fred what did and about Percy getting over there. If he dont make that May plane he never can get over till water travel gets him there. Dr. King- the food and travel congestions in that area will be no small problem. Somethings are problems already! I wish when it was all said and done that we could have had a white man- or woman there. Miss Martin still pays rent on the house in Savoonga, she must intend to return, She sould handle thing rightly. White man increase is going to agrevate matters.

Below is my expenses: - Could you forward the amount for this trip immediately. I had to borrow money.

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Thank you again for the privilege 4.30

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from the Conference Find. Expenses tranej in fund. 7.00 35.00 Insunt due me effenses Tietory Tay \$235.80 235.80 Please sing freport blanks! 1 1 34 mail

College, alaska apr. 6/43. Dear Dr. Hing: -Bert left yesterday for his work down the lower end of the railroad. Heasked me to drop you a line about the Gension of you care to pay our pension each month by taking it from our check, as is done with the Victory Tax, to do so. It is paid up until aps. 30/43 You can let us know by that time. We are all fine, waiting for the robins to get this far north so we can say spring is here " Sincerely P.S. Calendaro have arrived, also the six capies of the annual report. Thanks.

THE WAR

as you are aware, has created serious personnel shortages, particularly along the Eastern Seaboard. We find it necessary, therefore, to curtail some of the services previously rendered to MEMBERS AND CHURCH TREASURERS. We ask your full cooperation in helping us to render the best possible service with a necessarily reduced staff. WILL YOU PLEASE:

REQUEST YOUR CHURCH TREASURER TO DEDUCT THE 3° DUES REGULARLY FROM YOUR SALARY and allow him to send in the total 11° dues regularly in one check! If you will at this time favorably act upon this we will be glad to send your Treasurer the necessary forms for his use in carrying out this procedure. This plan will save the Board considerable time and many thousands of dollars in expense!

If you cannot see your way clear to follow the above practice, will you please:

I - RETAIN THE PORTION OF THE MONTHLY REMITTANCE LETTERS ENCLOSED (SECTION IDENTIFIED FOR YOUR USE) FOR YOUR RECORDS. This will avoid the necessity of sending thousands of detailed statements for delinquent dues and for current accounts. The enclosed forms will provide you with a complete record for the year 1943-44 if you will keep them up to date for your own reference.

2 - WHEN SENDING REMITTANCES to the Board PLEASE ATTACH the right hand portion of one of THE FORMS enclosed herewith PROPERLY FILLED OUT so that we can readily allocate your funds properly. This will save a great amount of time in looking up unidentified checks.

3 - Be sure that your checks are for the PROPER AMOUNT OF DUES. Beginning October 1, 1942, the rate of dues is 3% for the MEMBER and 8% for the ORGANIZATION.

4-SEND YOUR REMITTANCES IN PROMPTLY. Because of the curtailment in our staff we will not be able to follow up delinquent dues as formerly. We ask you to do your part in forwarding remittances as they become due. It should be kept in mind that unless the total 11% dues (and any delinquent interest due thereon) are paid in full for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1944, before November 15, 1944, the accounts for that year will be closed in accordance with established practice.

We are confident that you will give us your full support in these matters.

REID S. DICKSON, General Secretary

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Dear Binglet

I was interested in reading your letter of Earch 30, in which you gave a detailed report of your visit to Weles. I have also had a letter from Miss Stauffer, in which she commended you for the fine piece of work you did and expressed appreciation for the visit. Although you encountered some severe difficulties, I am juite sure that the trip was more than worthwhile.

In answer to your question about sending the supplies to St. Lawrence Island, I am quite sure that you did the right thing. As you stated in your letter, if for any reason the food is not used, we can dispose of it on the Island.

I also think it would be a wise plan, and certainly a safeguard, for Miss Stauffer if you sent the order to Nome. If and when you do this, you should send me a copy of the order in order that I will have this for our files here in the office.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$307.75, covering the expenses incurred in the Wales trip. April 5 I had a note from your wife stating that you would like to have the pension dues deducted from your salary check, as is done with the Victory Tax. I am sorry that the Treasury Department will not take this responsibility. Due to the shortage of help in the Treasurer's office, they are not ready at the present time to take on this extra amount of work. So it will be necessary for you to continue to send in your pension dues as usual.

David Crawford is due in the States for the General Assembly. Of course, I shall make it a point to see him and talk to him about alaska. The thing I have in mind is to send Crawford back to the Yukon Presbytery and let him be a kind of chaplain for the construction camps. If this plan is carried through, then I shall have to trust you to direct Crawford's activities and to help us locate him in the best place. Please send me, air mail, information about plans that you think would be best for Crawford in Yukon Presbytery. Where should he live, Should his work be restricted to construction camps,

Give me any information that you feel will come through about this new setup. At least for the duration we can use Crawford in this type of service, and I shall expect you to direct his activities or to help him plan his programs.

Cordially yours,

Dear Friends:

Time flies and Spring thaws wait for no one. My trip to Wales via Nome and Teller was full of interest and enjoyment. Nome I always enjoy. I was privileged to spend nine days there this trip. It was a pleasure to speak in both the Eskimo and the White churches, to see Chaplain Wiess and many others at his place of work, to meet six of our Eskimo young people from St. Lawrence Island, as well as fraternize with those I had known before.

At Teller I enjoyed new contacts, and at Teller Mission enjoyed the hospitality and new friendships with the teachers and missionary family there. In fact it was both the missionary and the teacher that made it possible to complete my trip. They loaned me skin clothes. The trip on from Teller to Wales, on the upper deck of a dog sled, was the second of such kinds of inspirations. Thanks to my new friends I did not get as cold as the year previous on St. Lawrence. The day was beautiful. The moonlight at night not only made the shadows from the jagged ice on Bering Strait look picturesque, but the rugged ice itself looked cool and calculating.

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To you who are on the islands, or in the remote areas, or in the nearby camps, or who are at Nome, Teller, or Wales- including my Eskimo drivers and fellow-travelers- and to you who are civilians doing the work God has given you to do we as a missinnary family extend the right hand of fellowship. We also pray for God's richest blessings to come to you. Your tasks may be difficult, even tedious, but with God's help you can win your battles, accomplish your work, outlive your surroundings with a greater ease. The old saying, "Prayer changes things" is never more true than today. As you give your hardest efforts to your labor you also keep up that devotional life! Christ can be real to you.

Sincerely,

Rev. B. J. Bingle

Sunday School Missionary

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On many of you I hope to personally call. - Streetly.

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Sunday Dehool Missionary

April 29, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rov. B. J. Bingle Box 248 Coilege, Alaska

Dear Bingle:

Rev. David H. Crawford has been in the office and has told he in a general way about the work in Alacka. After getting the picture of what is happening, here is the plan that we propose to follow:

- 1. We expect to appoint you as the Chief Chaplain for construction camps. As soon as I have cleared this with our War-Fine Service Commission, I shall be sending you a salary basis. It will be an increase over the a ount that you are now receiving. In addition to the salary and expense allowance, I am sking for a certain amount of money to be set aside for printing materials that you will find need for in the service.
- 2. We are going to commission Crawford as a Chaplein under you for the construction camp work. We shall depend on you to direct him and his activities, and to locate him in the proper places. We are going to try to have him return directly to Pairbanks from here. At that time he could go into a conference with you and work out the minor details.

I talked to Dr. Dawber about Nome, and he gave he the assurance that a minister is on his way. They have been delayed in securing a man for this place.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

P.S. Under separate cover we are sending you some report blanks.

April 30, 1943 AIL MAIL Rev. B. J. Bingle Box 248 College, Alaska Dear Bingle: After writing my other letter, I noticed that I had overlooked your question regarding the com union set. I am quite sure that the Church and Camp Activities Committee would be glad to donate a communion set or sets to you. I do not know what you want so I cannot make the request for you. Accordingly, you should send this request to: Rev Walter Getty Witherspoon Building Philadelphia, Penna Let them know what you want and designate the purpose for which it will be used and you should not have any trouble. Cordially yours, EBK/mk

College, Alaska May7,1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions Board of Nacional Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

This above date I sent you a wire regarding Rev. Crawford. Your letter was so late arriving that I figured Rev. Crawford would be about in your city at this time. I had some time trying to get information that would give me a clean cut picture of needs and places for this Summer. As yet I have no complete picture and anything can happen. But this much I am convinced, there is more work now to do than I can possibly do, and at the present rate of correction it will not be better but worse. Much of this could come under military but after seeing conditions, meeting men who want the church and there is none, only occasionally for such small groups in many places, one figures that those men cannot be neglected. In the last war many of us were in the service for just a short number of months, very few for over a year and shalf. This war already the number of months in service is high for many and it will be many more before they are returned to civilian life. The pull down is heavy.

I feel that Mrs. Crawford should remain in the states for some time as originally planned by Rev. Crawford. By autumn we can determine where the best place is to live. The next few weeks will give trends. What I cold say it would be out of line to say, definite programs are not now in operation. That will start shortly. As said above, more work will be in the future than at present. I cannot adequately do that which is before somedne to do right now.

Housing is a tremendous problem here and everywhere. Last night I heard news which today I checked on and here it is -- not so good. It will be necessary for us to purchase this place, this is the Board, or we will have to move. The owner will give us first place. Another is looking to get it if we do not wish to purchase. The price for these two lots and house and small amount of provisions is \$3000.00. It can be paid in cash or with a substantial down payment. That I presume should be one-half of the 3000.000

Where is one to move? All other places for purchase are so much higher for the same value. The fact is, a place is hard to buy. To rent a house for our needs is seemingly impossible. To build that is out. When we consider a house, or home we must consider a place sufficient in size that we can have the traveler from afar to come within our home. Soldiers that I meet in outposts, civilian laborers, others from distances that must come thru here, should find a welcome by the wife and family and myself. That has been the program, that is what I wish to continue. The only table some boys get to put their feet under besides a camp is ours. -- But there is another side to that. Is this what we want permanently? Would another in my place wish to live here? It were better if we could build but not now. I am sure that we could sell when we wish, so near the University, getting our maney back. Give me your thoughts on the matter. It was a place I should by find a welcome by the place.

to live I will do what I can. The fact is I will start now till I hear from you.

Will you be enabled to get North this Summer? If so let me know as to about the time. Remember the Conference time-- Revised dates: August 17th to 24th. We will be mightly happy to have you there. The fact is we will give the major part to you of having the camp fire evangelistic appeal in theeve, plus other things.

If there is no way for you to come North and you may wish to speak with me about the work here I have a feeling that I could come out, to Edmonton, if not much farther for a conference. I would not come if transportation cost anything for anyone. At present I am using air transportation to cover my field, that is while the roads are bad. At this moment I am awaiting a call to leave, we may get out sometime tonight or after midnight. To return I would have to make arrangements with motor equiptment moving North. — If I could pick up a car on the outside, a good second hand if not new, one that has good clearance for these roads, I would make a flying trip outside— if possible— and grab that car and start rolling North. I do not seem to be able to get anything I cam use up here. My roads this summer are going to be plenty bad. — Jut if I can keep on as is I do not want to take a minute off the field. I could not get away till the need for such conveyance is over. That explains why David should come North as soon as possible if he is to be any service up here, that is if changes from Cordova.

In all the above I have carefully conversed with Rev. Champlin, Chairman of the National Missions Committee.

Rev. B. J. Bingle.

P.S. I just roo'd your second letter while writing this 10: Pm. It is about using made chief of Chaplains for Constonation Camps. The above chaplains for Constonation Camps. The above read of perhaps in will be of value - Perturbely about the place to Rive. - I shall be looking for Rev. Crawford in early June if possible. with the Hukon Prest your in this B. J. Bingle.

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College, Alaska. May 14. 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and Sunday School Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

You will notice by the report that this month I spent most of my time in camps. There are very many in scattered areas and they have no religious attention with a scarce exception. Palm Sunday allowed me to cover three camps, Good Friday one camp, and on Easter Sunday four camps. I missed one on Easter Sunday to which I should have gone so taking a chaplain with me I went to this camp the next day. On Easter Sunday I held communion for the boys in one camp, and baptized one little fellow that belongs to the home of a communication worker, about two years of age.

Since that time I have retraced my steps each week, getting home just long enough to keep things on the move here. You see this is the time of the year of the breakup, frost going out, and there is no travel by auto to speak of. I made most of this milage by air. That latter part - will not speak of but you can feel assured that it was not only a privilege sincerely appreciated but seems to be appreciated by those concerned and also asked for by them. The fact

appreciated by those concerned and also asked for by them. The fact is, it was their suggestion.

With the information that I picked up in Col. McBride's former office I was able to get those concerned in one place to get started that Service Men's Christian League. I hope that when I cannot be there that the ones that are members will go ahead just the same. There are some very fine folks in places where I get to.

So far there have been some mighty fine men come in for the construction such as Rev. Crawford spoke of. I have held three services for them up-to-date. I hope to get to one camp by Monday night if I can drive. The Rev. Porter will not return to them this Summer, and

d can drive. The Rev. Porter will not return to them this Summer, and it looks as if there will be no particular substitute at this writing.
Things get shifted very fast with activities to the "estward as given by this mornings news report. - A better description can be given later.

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On Mon. I hope to take this trip returning Tue. On Wed.or Thur. I fexpect to go to Palmer and get our camp all fixed up for the summer, and for our later conference. We will have a Board of Directors meeting calso Stockholders. On this trip I hope to make the mines bove and sone camp etc. below Anchorage. I have to make this in one wack and two days. There is toomuch up here to neglect. I hope to have a camp in this vacinity for young folks in June.

I did not get my Apr. salary check or my expense check of that reort.

I am simply out of funds. I did not have the report in on regular blank,

I had none. Enclosed you will find a duplicate.

Now that nev. Crawford is coming to labor with us I am sorta anxious
to hear from him and to learn when he is coming. The heavy work lies in 3 % the Summer and there is so much that needs looking after, particularly since Mev. Forter did not return and if no successor does .- My last trip. was on the back of a truck sitting on oil drums- 90 miles Ros. B. Bruge

ATR MATL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle Box 248 College, Alaska

Dear Bingle:

I have your letter of May 7, and an quite disturbed about your housing problem. Of course, it is impossible for me to give you are detailed instructions with the limited insormation that I possess. All that I can do is to trust you to do the very best thing. At present I do not see any possibility of securing \$5000.00 from the Board with which to purchase the property that you have mentioned in your letter. If you care to make a personal investment then the Board, of course, will continue to pay your rent and through that medium you would be able to meet the monthly payment. In fact, in the next few days I am hoping to be able to write to you about a new financial set up that we are arranging for you. As the Chief of Chaplains for Construction Camps, under this new set up, you will receive some addition to your present salary.

I am positive that I cannot possibly get to Alaska this summer. It is possible that I will be able to be there in September. I am trying new to secure passage via air from Seattle to Fairbanks on September 15.

Tour relationship with the Yukon Presbytery will not be altered or changed under the new set up. In fact, it will be maintained the same as at present, due to the fact that our Unit of Sunday School Missions will continue to invest quite a good deal of money in maintaining your services.

The territory you cover will be largely outlined by your own good judgment. It would be impossible for me or anyone else here at 156 to araw up a field of service for you to cover. You are in a much better position to do that than we are. All that we expect is that you render the service to as many places as possible.

About your car, - I am not in a position to give you any definite advice on that. Tou must have transportation, but I doubt the wisdom of your coming out for the one purpose of buying a car. It seems to

Rev. Ringle - Page -2- Nay 18, 1943

me that some way some how you ought to be able to pick up a car there. Before you give up trying suppose we exercise a little patience and we can see what happens.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your communication to the people in Yukon Presbytery. I to ma I shall have it mimeographed and send it to some of your good friends nere in the States.

Cordially yours,

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ATR MATL

Rev. B. J. Bincle Box 248 College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bingle:

Your letter of May 14, has been received in the absence of Dr. King. We will call it to his attention upon his return, about May 30, and you will undoubtedly hear from him immediately.

We are obliged to return herewith the chack enclosed in your report covering April 15 to hay 15. As you will see in the body of the check you have \$1.25 and in numerals you have \$9.25. Will you kindly send us a corrected check so that we may properly credit the contributions listed.

Sincerely yours,

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College, Alaska. May 28, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions Board of National Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

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Enclosed you will find a list of the things that Miss Martin wants for her new work on the Island. It arrived here by mistake. When in Palmer the other day I asked her if she made out the food list and she had not. I told her to make it and I intended to take it to Anchorage to give to Rev. Armstrong to send in. But a funeral and a few other unexpected things made it impossible for her to get it ready. I did not have time to tell her to give it to Rolland so I am sending you two copies and him the third copy. Im sending this directly as it may be too late to get this material and off from ceattle. --- I notice she has not said anything about coal and fuel oil. That by all means must be included else she cannot go.

I was as far South as Whittier the other day. Up to this moment I have been the only person in there that has worship. I see by the Home Missions Council report that it is listed as Methodist Territory. Well, I am going down and care for those boys there just as here-to-fore.

Up to this moment I have not received my Apr. salary or expense check. The same of course with May. I did received from Miss Wolfe a return check for contributions given, it had been made out wrong. So my report arrived. Yesterday I received another set of report blanks so I presume that you had sent blanks on my first request as well as second but they just arrived, -torn open.

To get home the other day I had to drow a check on the bank. Now I find I am overdrawn and must go down and sing a note this morning. Tomorrow I leave to be gone for better than one week. May work will be heavy for the next weeks to come. --- You can judge how I must have funds. Check back with the other department and see what the score is. I will stragihten out anything I can to keep things going here.

What do you have in information about wev. Crawford? I have not yet heard from him. If he does have a car somehow he spuld get a permit to drive it back. If necessary for me to help out on that maybe I could. I think I am getting a permit to drive the highway not only here but anywhere on the highway. I had that promise once.

Sincerely,

B.g. Bingle.

June 9, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle Box 248 College, Alaska

Dear Bert:

I was very much interested in your letter of May 14. I am quite sure that with the coming summer your work will be stepped up 100%. I cannot tell you when Crawford will be able to leave the States. We are hoping to get him out sometime around the middle of this month, but, of course, you know about the travel conditions. He has purchased a car and will be shipping the car out too. He has bought a Chevrolet. I hope it will answer the needs in your country.

As to the order for Miss Stanffer's food, we have placed that order here in Seattle, and I suppose all items have been purchased. I have left it up to you to make the miniature duplicate order from Nome. I have not done anything about this matter, but have and will trust you to take care of it. You told me in one of your letters in the past that you had a duplicate order that you could use so please take care of this matter.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

Dictated but not signed by Dr. King

P. S. Your letter of May 28, 1943 has been received and will be brought to ur. aing's attention upon his return June 14. A check covering your April and May salary and expense was mailed to you on June 1, 1943.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAINS APO # 938 c/o P.M. Seattle, Wash.

RHB/jbp

June 15, 1943.

Rev. B. J. Bingle Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bingle:

May I take just this opportunity to congratulate you upon your recent project, the Harding Lake Conference. In my estimation it was a very worth while affair, from a spiritual and a recreational standpoint. Feeling partly responsible for army men, as I do, I want to thank you for what you have done for them.

I intend to mention your activities on my report, but I would also suggest that the sheet which you turn in to us each month, contain a report of this affair, especially the baptism, giving the man's name, rank, organization, station, your name, and your denomination.

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Rev. B. J. Bingle.

College, Alaska une 18, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York - 10- N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I am inclosing with my report a letter written to me by one of the Chaplains of Ladd Field. This letter will tell about a conference we held on this last week end at Harding Lake Just 50 miles from here. It was an inovation, not yet tried up here, and I had some little difficulty in selling the idea to the chaplain force. After I did get them to swing in with the idea I had no that it would be as large as it was. Our attendance was almost doubled. The spirit and the enlargement to our Christian lives was likewise doubled. Tome of the men were there the toult the Alcan highway, and some of them have not been out of the woods for almost 16 months. I heard one man to have said, "After these two days I have a different feeling about my service up here in Alaska!" Another one stated, "Within that group I did not hear one complaint". That gies an idea of just who can be the better soldier. It is official, Chaplain was special frequent in a series in alaska."

four 1 tter was received about the housing problem. I am sorry that we could not go thru with the purchase. If I have to move, and I certainly do not know where, it will cost someone much more money than to do not believe it is good business for two ministers of the same denomination to be in such a small town. We have a happy fellowship together but I do not want to be in a position that someone who does not think the pastor should do so and so, or his wife wear such and such a hat come to me. Of correct I can put them straight but -. This town will be on the increase from now on and more work will have to be done.

I had an idea for sometime about this type of work, had nerve enough to speak with Rev. Champlin about it last night. As we labor in the outposts more and more we learn to know more folks. More and more we find them coming to Fairbanks and after a few hours are just lost. They have been in the woods so long they have even lost touch with the towns. Home life of some description they would like to have, if just for a few hours. We have had them out to our house in quite large numbers, have been feeding them waffles and kippered salmom that we put up ourselves. To sit in a home, or to put their feet under a civilian table and to have the pleasure of a living room is a blessing that no one will knows except the individual just how great it is. Well, that which we have been doing I thought maybe we should enlarge upon. The family could care for much of it, even when I am gone. But to do so we need a larger living room. Too I believe it should be out of town r ther than right in town. This community out here would make a good place.

As to my purchase of the property, I do not have any money for that. It will take, according to the owner, \$1000.00 down and the rest in monthly installments. Maybe you could handly that kind of a proposition? Or if you could not should I ask you or the board if a loan could be made to me of that amount, to be deducted from salary, for me to purchase the property? I do not think that is good business. I do not want to be in debt to anyone. I paid my debts 18 years ago and have not had any since.

20th wedding aniversary yesterday -- getting grey . Sincerely, 3 3 6 -- ja

College, Alaska June 18. 1943.

Mr. A. Polet Polet Store Nome. Alaska.

My door Sir:

As stated when with you in Nome this Spring we may wish you to help out by sending supplies to our biscions. The list of goods below are emergency supplies which we wish you to send in to lies staur er at heles efter you new shipment has errived. You will rote that we have included certain number drums of ruel oil. That oil must be of the quality that can be used in these regular parlor oil burning stoves. I sell attention to that as on a previous shipment to the Island the oil was to heavy for those same a oves.

Please send to Mise me Stouffer of Welcs, Aleska the following:

hox of oranges

1 erates of Irish potatees

2 box of apples

200 lbs. of white sugar

bbl. of white flour (barrels) 2

drums of fuel oil # 34 grade. - only 30 -

Tons of goal 3

cases of paspharrice Blackberries 4

cases of tommatoes 4 1bs corn meal yellow. 100 -

I trust that you have success in petting these things worth. Your helpfulness in the past has been greatly appreciated. Then the list of mods has been forwarded would you not only send a bill of the goods to Miss Stauffer but a duplicate copy to myself?

Sincerely.

B. J. Bugle

Collège, alaska Dr. Everett B. Kma, Sec. alaska work & S.S. missions 15 6 Frank Ceve. 91. 4. City. My dear Dr. King : about our camp last week end - su say you ded n' say anyting. Nev. Champlin and myself have had a program & care for out post men whom we invite in occasionally Together we conceived of a Summer Encampment for a week and. It came last week end. The evening was spent in Singing, descussion - closing with a revotion led by the Challain - It. Bothwell. all went well the first mant - The next morning divotions, work then Sunday School followed by and Other weart & weart talk by the Eraplan he afternoon till 4:30 was recreation - then a some Lest o devotions led by one of the young women. The evening after denne was the closure, again And by the chaplain. - a number asked Tor Steeral prayers - The young man was Bestiged by hunsely - Then we all returned to town.

Miss Betty bribale of the Susay tream church There will write you a special letter about said conference. I sent in my monthly report à contribution of 70.00 from one of the sargeasts; His expression & appreciation. about July 15 x 11 - Rev. Emstrong of peet to have a similar gathering for women roothers in anchorage at King & Lake Camp. am now braded East almost as far as the Canadian Bonder - on the way, just Hopfed & write this note. My care takes much work on in to keep it on the road. - No, I do not wish or expect to come or so any where for a car the these fater watermellon time, but then I will have to choose between watermellons and shooting a moore. I feel that the moore may wen -Snecrety 1 13 JBing le.

June 22, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle Box 248 College, Alaska

Dear Bingle:

The last word I had from Crawford was written in Scattle, Washinton, dated June 15. He stated that he was leaving that same morning for Cordova. He did not state what line he was travelling so I cannot give you any auditional information.

He also stated in his letter that his car would be shipped to Valuez and that he would be in Cordova until definite word had arrived that the car was being shipped. He then would so to Valdez and drive the car to Fairbanks.

We are sending him report blanks care of you so if you will keep whatever material that he receives until his arrival it will be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

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June 29, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle box 248 College, Alaska

Dear Bingle:

Your letter of June 19, was most interesting as you gave an account of the program that you have inaugurated to care for outpost men. however, the account was a little too ab reviated. I think that you should take the time to write this out in a nerrative form, in order that I may send it to the Church and Camp Activities Committee for publication.

It seems to se that you have inaugur tod a splendid program and one that should offer some real service.

My mess is that you will cancel the opportunity for watermellons and take to the country for the moose. That will probably do you more good anyway.

The towns a nice letter that you received from Chapmain tothwell.

I am see ling a copy of it to the Church and Cap Activities

Committee so that they will know you are on the job for them.

There is nothing I can do to help you bout the none until September. Dr. Keeler is away this wonth on his vacation. There will be no meeting of the Executive Consittee of the Board until September. Between now and that time, if you will send me a correct statement of your need in purchasing the property, I shall try to do all within my power to get the grant. Whatever we do though, we shall have to wait intil September before we can do it.

I am grad that jor sent the letter to Mr. rolet in Nome giving an extra order for Miss Stauffer. You can get the bill from him and send it on to me. In case the original sully is shipped from Seattle, I am sure that some disposition can be made of the extra supply.

Cordially yours,

Dear Friends:

. . . .

Up hill, down hill, through loose dirt, then over hard roads, later being pulled by truck, sometimes by "cat", once by road grader through soft fills or mud, has been my lot since I last wrote you. I have held worship in many places and under strange conditions. It has been around midnight when the shift changes or early morning before the men go to work, as well as at normal times. It is never in a church, most of the time in mess halls or bunk houses, and last night we held worship out in a grove with the boys lined up singing, "When the Lawd troubled the Wa-ters".

One group I met with on a recent date had not had worship or seen a protestant minister since they hit the road six months ago. Other groups have had protestant services in almost as rare a fashion. I have taken Vella, my daughter, along to help me with the singing- also the distribution of periodicals. Jimmy goes along just to help his Dad. For the most part these men have not seen white children or a white woman for some period of time. Recently when an Eklutna school ma'am was with us as we passed a "cat" working on the side of the road I heard the driver yell, "whoope". He had seen a woman. -- So all in all our experiences have been varied and mighty interesting.

There is a problem as the period of service stretches into months, and in some cases years, of keeping those who are away from home and loved ones from being bitten by the "bug" of cynicism, carelesness, indifference, or the spirit of "I dont care". Fine men, good workers, soldiers, or executives as military orcivilians sometimes try to drown lonesomeness with intoxicants or the finding of a good but temporary friend. In many cases this undoes our fine personality and holds us from reliability when situations becomed strained.

We cannot meet all problems from this end but we would like to assist We have had men from outposts in many places who have been attending worship as we come to them visit us in our home as they come to or through Fairbanks. Our speciality has been waffles and kippered salmon—(a fish we have put up ourselves with the help of a lady in Wasilla—) We give each of you an invitation to give us a ring by phone when you come to town.—(and I hope I am home personally) We would like to do more

But there is The One Way to keep up the long vigil on conduct and that is to grasp hold on the Power that is higher than each of us. Keep up that Bible reading and that Prayer life. You owe it to yourself. When you can attend worship, do attend. There are no substitutes to these remedies.

To you in far away outposts, or down the chain, or on the islands. or in the States, or on the Seas, or take frequently to the air we send special greetings and commend you to God's core. May be peace that passeth understanding be with you all, - always. That goes for you folks near by also.

Sincercly,
Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Bingle
and family.

July 2, 1943 Rev. Bingle \$5.0.00 designates for printing materials. It was our thought to t you stood print the materials that would be helpful in providing a vertical realing, or il ographed lessons, or whitever extra ex onse that you find in using printed materials in your work with the Construction Camps. This. of course, will call for a special voucher. The treasurer is being in tructed to for ish your salary creek and your rest allowance regularly over south enthost witing for your goust as, but of source, the travel allows ce and the money from the special funt for printing cannot be sent until you se i in a voucher. You will have out your report in marrative form, seeding to the copies, on copy for my own files and another copy to be given to the for-Time Service Commistion. May I insist on you sending regularly each worth a narrative report. By that I do not necessarily mean that you is a diary of your month's act vities, but I do want you to give me inter ting facts about what you have done and where you have been during each wonth. I am more than glad to be able to tell you bout this extra help that is coming to you. I think that you are entitled to it and know that you will render a real account of your stewardship. Cordially yours, EBK/mk enc. vouchers

ATR HATL

Rev. B. J. Bingle Box 248 College, Ahaska

Dear Bingle:

I am glad to noticy you that beginning July 1, you are to serve under a joint relationship. In addition to the part-time work as a sunday School Mission ry you are to assume the title of Chief Chaplain of Construction Camp Work in Alaska. Under the Construction Camp work, you will receive part of your salary from the Aur-Time Service fund. The division of your grant beginning July 1 is as follows:

War-Time Service Grant

\$1400.00 Salary for one year 600.00 Rent for manse 500.00 Travel Allowance 500.00 Special funds for printing materials

As stated above this grant is for one year, osginning July 1, 1943.

Sunday School Missions Grant

\$1000.00 Salary 500.00 Travel expense

Church and Camp Activities Committee Grant

\$ 600.00 for Program

Herewith, I am sending you the necessary voucners for you to se in drawing your salary, expense allowance and make rent from the Wr-Time Survice unit. You will follow the regular instructions and sublit these voucners regularly by the 15th of the lonth, or as near that date as possible.

In addition to the money granted by the war-Time Sergice for our slary, rent, and travel expense, you will note that there is a secial fund of

College, Alaska; July 7th, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions 156 Fifth Ave, New York, 10- N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Rev. Crawford has arrived, we drove in from Valdez together last week end holding services enroute. The men like Rey, Crawford very much and if all keeps as they have started our team will have at least made effort for contribution to men's lives. I cannot say at this time just where David should make his headquarters, but most of the work centers out of here instead of any other place, - and there is a plenty. Since we are on the road most all the time and since we are out of town every Sunday it may not bother the local church to have us both living out of town close to the University. If so we will work the field as a whole, at one time David covering a certain part while another and then doing the reverse.

Dr., we had a college professor that told us never to make an apology for poor preparation, saying we should do the best we could and trusting the Lord for the rest. That may be alright for sermons if we work rightly, but I cannot get my fingers to track correctly on this machine. I have never done good on it but with hands on the wheel so much, or working on my car, or the road to get thru the mind as well as the fingers just does not track rightly.

I received your letter regarding the Nenana property. As I am headed to the South part of the work tomorrow and will not be back for about two weeks I cannot answer adequately the questions immediately. I will go South on the R.R. at my return then give you answer.

I note what you say about the purchase of this Property and the month of Sept. being the earliest time for finding out about finance. That is alright, if with the owner, and in the meantime if you can come up here directly to Fairbanks from Seattle in Sept. then you can better judge if we should make the purchase. Also I would like to discuss program with you in some detail.

As to the car: Some time ago I called at a camp and after hesitating just a little after services so I could speak personally with the men I left only to find my car absent. I had to leave the key in it so the trucks manuvering about could move it if they had to do so. Well, that car was put thru drainage ditches, mud, and rolled over finally on its top. It is now back in shape, no one ever knowing the cost to me in graff, and the expenses are for the most part covered by the ones that took the car. Butthe car has 32,000 miles on it, most of it being Alaskan miles. It is not two-bitting me to death, it is doing it by the rate of two dollars so frequently that it is just a matter of time that it will have to be off the road to cover the force work. The distances we have to cover is unbelievable. I have asked garage men in Fairbanks. Anchorage, and Valdez, "could you sell me a car". The answer comes, "No." hey have no contacts with the outside, and one firm says not to bother them about cars. I have written my brother-in-law Harry Morrison who is an elder in the church at Fremont Ohio to see what he can do with the Dodge dealer there. When I get work I will write you.

Relative to the new salary basis that you stated you were making out for me, maybe the absence of it is the reason why I have not been getting my monthly salary on time. The last time checks were received the one was 2 months late. The Salary for June which usually comes before the last of the respective calander month has not arrived. Your letter of July 1st has come thru. My reports have gone in each time. Would you check with the Treasurer and see why the recent delay. If somethings I must do I shall be more than happy to do them.

Enclosed you will find another of my letters I have been sending to the boys scattered here and there, civilians as well as soldiers. Since Rev. Crawford is with me now I will have more time to spend on reprts so you might send them to others if you wish. I appreciate your interest.

Sincerely.

Par. B. J. Brigle.

College, Alaska July 23, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Enclosed you will find report for the month of July up to the 15th. I notice you did not say anything about the report for the remaining part of my salary above the 116.00. Does this correspond written as desired cover the part of the national Missions-Sunday School Mission portion of the work? If not I will fill out the blanks we have here and send them immediately. In the meantime notify the treasurer that the report will be late and next months check should go out on time.

I did receive my check for June and the travel allowance. Thank you. I appreciate your new lineup. I hope I can prove worthy of the responisbility.

I did receive no Todays for this next month 100 copies, or did I recieve the usual 25 copies of the Home Department Quarterly. These latter are all the colored boys have been using for their Sunday School lessons. Also the usual amount of Primary Department and Beginers Department graded leaflets did not arrive. The number should be increased to eight each. I have found some more children that need materials.

Sincerely.

13. J. Bingle

Work in the Yukon Presbytery for June - July.

This last month has seen me make four different trips in four different directions. Due to so much ground to cover and so little time I have covered more miles than I should which has caused me to do my work with less thoroughness than I would have liked.

In the one area North of Fiarbanks gold mining is completely out but a few of the old timers are still in that section. There are quite a few highway workers too. It was our opportunity to visit this section, meet with the people, distribute religious literature or have prayer with them, also to see that the little folk have Sunday School materials coming to them with regularity. On this trip we visited two camps where many of the colored boys of the United States are. We held service in one of those camps and enjoyed the manual singing that they can give. As we have been supplying the Sunday School lesson material for those of this group we saw to it that they had material when our regular supplies did not yet arrive.

A second trip took me to the Eastward some 300 miles. The respective places for one to stop andhold worship are so numerous that there is little time to sleep in the 24 hour day. Sometimes services are held near the midnight hour as shifts change at twelve noon and twelve midnight. Breakfast is usually between six and seven therefore to get to the next camp you await to sleep when you arr ive back in Riarbanks after a week or so. The services are attended by more than 50% of the possible worshippers. As a hobby I have taken pictures and made them up into slides during the last two years. Those who are new to the ferritory and are so far from town, seening only the woods or the muskeg of Alaska, are anxious to see the other portions in color. You can imagine that the occasional showing of slides after the service is surely appreciated. Rev. Crawford, formerly of Cordova, is with me now and this is giving us more time for each respective place. Those in this section are mostly from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. They are the construction forces.

A third trip I took unexpectedly when I went to meet Rev. Crawford at the port of Valdez. This trip allowed us too meet many of our Barrow boys who are scattered over this country in many capacities. I find that my efforts of months ago to get these boys lined up with Church has born much fruit. The boys are constant in attendance as opportunity arrives. They are the joy and pride of a local pastor or chaplain as the case may be.

A fourth trip was to a construction camp South and West. Those men appreciated my coming, as the fruit is a Bible study class being started which is to meet each Sunday regardless of the absence of a visiting pastor. I sent song books and left religious literature. Some of these men are soon to move into more exciting areas. The elements at this place to which they are going are usually very cruel to human beings. I was happy to have prayer with them before their possible going.

Once each month, or thereabouts, I send out a general letter to men in the armed forces, of construction camps, and also to folks living in isolated spots about our territory. Certainly not all reply but I do get a few letters in return that shows appreciation. A sargent from the Aleutians writes of his attendance at worship and need for reliance on the presence of God. Another fifthe islands writes of his association with the Chaplian and the joy that such gives. - he used to be a member of Chaplian are Christian Endeavor. A third, one of the Esquimo boys

who went with my driver going from Cambel to Savoonga on St. Iwarence Island, he driving his own team, writes of his sickness. He had appendicitis and was so ill that he could not move his arms to to ch his hurting side. Here are his words, "Three times I Praye Dear Jesus please touch my side, here are his words, "Three times I Praye Dear Jesus please touch my side, here are his words, "Three times I Praye Dear Jesus please touch my side, here are his words, "Three times I Praye Dear Jesus please touch my side, here are his words, "Three times I Praye Dear Jesus please touch my side, "Third time I say Please dear 'esus, esus did touch my side and I have pain no more." His testimony is so rich with how near the lord esus is to him, how he pray always, soon as letter written to me he would pray again. -- Maybe the Esquimo have something to teach us about the answer to prayer and the nearness of Christ.

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B.G. Bingle

. . College, Alaska aug. 3/43. Dr. Everett B. King, See. alaska Work & S. S. Missions 156 - Fifth ane. n.n. 18, n.y. My dear Dr. King; Late. Thanks again for the great Confidence you wave in our ability for the new work. I nope not to dis. appoint you. yes, mails are slow - much comes through at one time, then nothing. In your statement about sal. ary I see by this letter it is listed as \$5000 each month, according to your letter of July 2nd . I wane a salary of \$1400,00 from one source and \$1000.00 from another = 2400.00 or 200.00 each morth. Of course my rent of 5000 comes. Is that rent now listed to salary? I it is not, then my tax would not ne so great. Or did the

To a from the Church and Camp ac. timitie go in as salary? I understand not. This month Checks came rs \$198.00 salary minus tav. Expense Checks amounted to \$50 80. Ro 9 lique it grief the 5000 for rent in the 998.00 Queck. Said not get the 5000 from Church and camp activities get. Does this selp you or confuse you? I was trying to get 300 cut olf from the taxable amount. I rec'd one set of bapers to fill out, as I could make it all out, il 9 was an ordained minister, trey would not withhold my tax. Hence I dillefout no other babers. I I did not do right I will near from the treas when the one afterning my ordination arrives. It wave to pay it I would just as soon it come out each month at The Treas. office. But Twant

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Lastable-organ? Tilla will will me with the music and then many Times the ray at the camp can way. . " see them advertised so I resume They can be surchased. Then can see them and that is retter than border by mail. Were would you ask Thurch and Camp activities Com. to give David ion set? I had a sine letter from miss stary. er. The par raper per hand will ar rice out - she ndo sians in water uttrial of nome orders if each arriver Hame has come yet and it has been some time since my home order has gone in . Thate nothing caes wrong with food at Island & Wales It could . We bray that it does get there. Triso stauther is sending me some reinder for so? can have a backa made for my work. Last near I task

too big a chance I dare not do so again . The speaks of my returning. I have I can make the annual winder Convention itso.

Sincerely:

Riv. B. J. Bright 0 No. August 10, 1943 AIR MAIL Rov. Mr. B. J. Bingle Box 248 College, Alaska Dear Bingle: If you will refer to my letter of July 2, you will see that you should receive a salary of \$2400.00 a year; \$1400.00 of this amount to some from the aur-Time Service, and [1000.00 from the Unit of Sunday School Missions. In addition to the \$2400.00 salary, you will receive: \$600.00 Rent For Manse from War-Time Service \$500.00 Travel Allowance from For-Time Service " Unit of Sunday School 500.00 * 1500.00 Special Fund for rinting materials from War-Time Service Over and above these items, you are to receive \$600.00 from the Church and Camp Activities Committee. This is being made as a grant for your program. I think it would be better for you to write directly to the Church and Carp Activities Committee and make the request for the money granted by them. Your should address your letter to kev. Dr. Walter Getty, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Penna. In regard to withholding taxes from your salary, the Foard is not coing to deduct either Victory Tax or the Income Tax from ordained ministers! salaries, but the ministers will be forced to make a declar tion by September 15, and in this decoration the Victory Tax and the Income Tax will have to be paid. Iou are entitled to a statement from the Board as to the amount of Victory Tax that has been desucted up to July, and I am sure that you will be receiving that statement. There robably has been some oversight in ordering the 100 copies of the song books, so the order is being taken care of today. Cordially yours,

College, Alaska Aug. 31, 1943.

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Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York (10) N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

My report is late because I just returned from our King's Lake Conference and had no time to make it up. You will find my written report not too smoothly worded as time again puts much pressure on.

On this mail I am writing Church and Camp Activities Comm. for the allotment as suggested in the last letter. The July amount did not arrive.

On separate paper I will give an accounting of the \$100.00 that you sent for our Young People's conference. Surely God does lead in mysterious ways. I thought we would have a small attendance, making it hard to get along financially. It was the largest we have ever had. Our expenses which were much higher due to increased costs were adequately cared for by your helpfulness. Last year, and before, we hired local bus service to assist in transportation. This year I did all the running by making many trips. I Going down-the road was not so good. I hurt one good tire and one fairly good. That hurt me to the quick, I feel I hurt our country by allowing that to happen.

While in Anchorage I learned that another was about to purchase our place where we live. I did not dare await till I could hear from you regarding a purchase of this property. I told r. Anderson that I would purchase it, asking of course for time to get arrangements made. If I pay cash before the first of January'44 it will cost \$3000.00 If I have to pay it by time payments it will cost \$3500.00. To move into another house in this area is impossible. There are no bigger for our family. The fact is, they are not so large as this one.

I asked this question of you once before and you stated nothing could be done till the Sept. meeting of the Board. "Would the Board wish to purchase this property on the above terms"? Or, "would the Board wish to loan me the money to purchase the property so that our church work can be carried on as previously planned?" My rental allowance could be used for monthly repayments, I would give you a mortgage for the same. I would prefer not having too great an obligation to meet each month as I must do something about my car. 't just cannot run for the duration. I will have to have a new one now of never get one, if it is not already too late. I think I can sell mine to one who will use it less heavily than I, getting quite a little help on a new car.

Are you getting the opportunity to come North? I wish you could, you need to get a look at the field. Another question: If I can get another car, and if it has to be purchased outside, and since it will save me considerable finance, would it be possible for me to come South at least to Edmonton, if not all the way, to drive the car up, looking over the whole field of work enroute and caring for the work on the way? There is much that should be looked after enroute and that opportunity would be helpful. Much development is in process, Alaska area.

At the Eklutna Vocational School there are many little chidren that do not have regualr Sunday School material. I have been trying to furnish them with materials I can pick up. The following is what they would like to have coming continuously, quarter by quarter:

6 Forwards

6 Queen's Gardens to: R.S. Ludy, Principal

Pioneers for Boys
Beginners leaflets
Enlutha Vocational School
Eklutha, alaska

Beginner's Teachers Manual would it be possible for the

above to come to them continuaously?

Assuming that the above grant goes through will you then make my order standing to be 6 Primary leaflets

6 beginners leaflets

and

100 Forwards (if not previously ordered by myself or Rev. Crawford- to

be used at camps)

5 Queens Gardens 3 Pioneers?

In your letter of reply to my many previous questions you did not state if you thought you could get me a portable organ thru either the War Time Service or the Church and Camp Committee. Will you look that up for me, perhaps checking it against my expenses for the year? I will make the same request regarding the pertable communion set.

Also will you have 6 individual communion cups sent along with the above as extras? --- or should I order these things neededdirect? - I need the organ as seon as I can get it, if I can get it. I tried once from here but failed.

I Stoneiled the report

80 I could send it to
a few of those I write

To in anned Service who
have Previously attended
our camp. - Vella is
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in full of the camp and
will send a copy in
ker words.

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Yours sincerely,

Rev. B.J. Bingle

FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CONFERENCE IN YUKON PRESBYTERY:

Amount remaining over from year 1942

\$40.00

expenses incurred regarding this above figure -- 30.00 to general expenses of arding take Conference June 12 and 13. to general expenses of Big Delta Conference July 23 and 24. 340.00 total expenses.

Contributions of Board of Pational Missions for 1943 Kings Lake onference:

expenses incurred on the above figure:-\$28.00 to general camp expenses

8.00 traveling expenses for Rev. Armstrong 12.00 traveling expenses for Rev. Crawford

37.70 expenses for use of my car during the conference (B.J. Bingle)

6.00 books for classes

5.55 telegram to Philadelphia for materials

1.25 telegram to Cordova pastor

1.50 Phone call to Healy total expenses

Submitted by Rev. B. J. Bingle Comm. of Christian Edu. Yukon Presbytery.

Rev. B. J. Bingle

Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

College, Alaska, Aug. 31, 1943

Dear Friends:-

These last weeks have brought unusual happenings to us who are working under the National Missions Board, the War Time Service, and the Camp and Church Activities Committee of the Presbyterian Church. The latter part of July about 30 miles from this area, soldiers and civilians, joined with enlisted men of a slightly distant outpost for an evening of fellowship and a day of discussion, devotion and consecration. This as reported before, is a part of a bi-monthly program for young people of this area. It not only allows for new acquaintances but during these times of stress gives the needed spiritual stimulus. Our next week-end gathering will be at Fairbanks on Sept. 25th and 26th. We plan on extending our reach to more outposts.

The highspot of our last few weeks has been our King's Lake Young People's Conference. This is located in the Matanuska Valley. We thought before the conference opened that our attendance would be small compared with previous years, but what a surprise to us when the conference opened! It was the largest ever, 65 registered in all. The average age dropped slightly lower but that is to our credit. These young teen age folk need the spirit of Christ in such an hour as this. Many in high school and above high school, including enlisted men, were there too. This conference was a Methodist-Presbyterian combination as far as teachers in the classes were concerned. Those who were our speakers and leaders of campfire devotions which climaxed the conference were Chaplains representing the Christian and the Baptist Churches. Cur interdenominational fellowship has always been good; this year superb.

Rain seemed to cramp our program to the indoors somewhat, but there was sufficient clear weather for the young folks to enjoy the picturesque lake. Swimming and boating made up the Aquatic events. The last evening our candle light service led by the Baptist Chaplain was the prayed for and the hoped for climax. On each side of the wooden cross standing on an altar the young folks made from native poles, were candles which those who wished to participate in the service could use. At the invitation for those who wished to dedicate their lives to Christ anew or for the first time everyone in attendance, including the visitors from the valley, came forward and took a candle, lighted it at the altar, and went back to join those who had lighted one previous to them. After each had lighted a candle we joined hands and sang. Then we knelt and prayed in closing. Those there spoke for themselves what the conference meant to them. They said, "This is the best ever".--To their homes and churches they have returned to give added strength for Christ. You can guess we are happy to be a part of a program like that.

Emroute home a few of us drove down our new highway visiting camps, civilian and otherwise. There we were enabled to bring happiness and joy to those unable to get to a church for worship for many months of time. We conclude with our first statement: These last few weeks have brought unusual happiness to us in our work.

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The "Conference Record"was set up under the approval of

Dean-G. Edward Knight of Seward. It was thought best that the comp have a newspaper or some record of the camp and its activities so that the delegations present could keep. This paper is put out with this in mind and hoping that its practice will be continued in the coming years. There have been several papers put out in the past years which have added a great deal to the camp in its use.

This paper is put out with the idea that each delegation would have an idea of what went on at camp and give the other members of their societies an idea of what is shead of them next year. The faculty will each receive a copy of the Record along with the differnt delegations. In this way, the ministers will have a report of what happened and will be able to use it in any way that they may wish.

In closing I wish to say that in the future I hope that there may always be a record kept of the activities of the young people of the camp.

THE HISTORY OF THE 5th YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCE AT KINGS LAKE

The young peoples conference started off Tuesday with a large enrolment. We had an enrolment of 47 full time students, 6 teachers,
2 cooks, and 3 Army Chaplains leaving us with 7 part time students,
making a grand total of 65 there. This has been the largest enrolment
since 1938 which shows what the young people of Alaska can do for
their betterment and the good of others.

Our campfire scrvice was held in the chapel with a candle as our fire. Chaplain Sias led us in the singing during his time here which was enjoyed very much. On one of the evenings we had the pleasure of having Cpl. Elliott "Happy" Cantley and S/Sgt. Forest Troutt lead us in our chorus singing at the chapel service. On Thursday night we listened to Chaplain Aubrey C. Halsell speak and he brought us a very stirring message, Chaplain Foster spoke to us on Friday night and we again heard Chaplain Halsell speak Saterday night.

We have been very well fed by our cook, Mrs. Rose Harris of the fair city of Fairbanks. We certainly have enjoyed her being here and the good "vittles" that she has dished out to us. We have also had the pleasure of having Mrs. B. J. Bingle as her assistant.

We have had a very good faculty this year and we sure hope that they can come back again and help out. The members of the faculty who have contributed their guidance and assistance to make this a worth-while conference are: Miss Anna Martin of St. Lawrence Island, Rev. David H. Crawford from College, Rev.R. Rolland Armstrong of Anchorage, Dean-Rev. G. Edward Knight of Seward. Rev. B. J. Bingle of College, and Mrs. Hazel P. Graves of Seward, Alaska. We owe a lot to these people and it is up to us as young people, as Christians to be a light unto the world and tell others of what we have learned.

in the start aftermoon about 10 of us went on a hike around the It is this, will mingle as the gride, Mercut Product as essistant and et price d with devil-elubs. According to one of the boys they were led over and under every thing possible. What couldn't be gone over was gone under. All in all it was a swell trip and we had a good time. All of our recreation has been supervised by the recreation class and its Instructor, David Crawford.

This morning, Sunday, Chaplain Aubrey C. Halsell spoke to us and gave another of his very stirring and touching talks. He is to be

heard again at the dedicatory service this evening.

Sunday afternoon we had a Bible quotation contest at the chapel in which the young people participated. Joyce Knight won the white leather bound testament for the girls by reciting 75 verses from the Bible and James Bingle won the brown leather bound testament for the boys. Several others who participated and said 10 verses received a blue testament. All the testaments had a picture of Chaplain Halsell in them.

At 4:00 pm. of the same afternoon Rcv. Armstrong spoke to us on God; Who is God? Would you rob God? Would you go away from God? The subject was very appropriate because our comp theme is "I Believe In God".

Sunday evening Chaplain Halsell spoke to us again for the last time at the dedicatory service. He gave another of his execlient talks which he always began with some incident in his life. The dedication service was a candle-light service which was very impressive and a soleum coremony. The invitation hymn was played and those who were truly a Christian were asked to come up first and then the others who wantedato dedicate their lives for the first time were to do likewise. We walked up to the cross with bored heads, lighted our candle and then stood behind the alter rail. After everyone had lighted their candle we formed a line around the room with each person holding hands with another and a candle between them serving as a union of individuals dedicated to God. At the closing of the service we knelt with a prayerful attitude, and with heads bound us very reverntly repeated the Lord's prayer. Silently we got to our feet and in revernt spirit walked out with glad hearts and a rejoicing spirit. I believe that some of the people shad a few tears as they felt the power of God decend upon them and renew a right spirit within them.

On Monday morning we held communion service at the morning watch with Rev. Knight and Miss Martin officiating. It was very impressive and put a climax on the service the night bafore. It was also the lost service that we had together until we meet again next year.

> THE CONFERENCE SONG When its conference time at Kings Lake Wa'll be coming back to you. To the hills and lovely compsite, And the friends both old and new; Once again we'll join together; On the quest of Christian youth; When its conference time at Kings Lake In the search for God and truth.

September 8, 1943

AIR MAIL

hev. Mr. B. J. Bingle Box 248 College, Alaska

Dear Berts

I have resigned as Secretary of the Board and have accepted the call of the First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. My resignation will become effective October 31.

with this change it did not seem fair for me to make the trip to Alaska, so Dr. A. B. Keeler is to substitute for me. He plans to leave here about the first of October and will spend about fifteen days in the interior. You probably already know Dr. Keeler, and I am sure that you will welcome his visit as much as you would have welcomed a visit from me. He is a grand can and has a truly gracious heart.

It will be well for you to meet him in Fairbanks, and to help him with his service to the camps and other places while he is in Fairbanks. Dr. Keeler will be writing to you later, and giving you the definite date of his coming.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk #

CC: Dr. Keeler

Diotated but not signed by Dr. King.

September 22, 1943

Rav. Mr. B.J. Bingle Box 248 College, Alaska.

Dear Bingle:

Dr. A.B. Keeler is on his way to Alaska. He expects to fly from Seattle to Fairbanks, leaving Seattle the Sth of this wonth. I think it most fortunate that Dr. Keler is making the trip at this time. This will give you an operating to talk to him about the matter of securing a loan from the loand in order to purchase the property.

It will also afford an opportunity for you to Iv him the search for the Charco and Camp etivities Committee, such a sea search found in your letter of Au u t ol.
You should tell Kells bout the need for the so table committee and less for he organ. I am uite sure that you will find Keeler's good listener, and he carry weight then he comes back with the materials needed.

I am sorry that it was not possible for me to make the trip north; but under the circumstances I did not think it would be fair to the Board.

I regret more than I can tell you the price I am paying in leaving the fellowship or all you man in I ske. You have a large place in my heart, and I shall constantly be thinking about you.

Cordially yours,

LIKE S J

This month finds us -- Rev. Crawford and myself, starting our Autumn work. How much that word Autumn means to us because ere winter sets in we will already have had a plenty of sub-zero temperature. Rev. Crawford has taken for the most part the lower end of the work, I, the part closest this way due to the fact that I attempt to be present at a certain army post each Sunday where I have been acting as chaplain the past year.

Last week found both of us on the far end of our 400 mile run. Occasionaly we held service together, but most of the time one took one camp and one another. A unique service was had out under some spruce trees one noonday just after the men ate their lunch. They appreciate our coming to them so many miles away from the city lights. We encountered much swamp to walk to their place of living.

All in all for the month I traveled 2,336 miles, made 186 calls, held 13 worship services, gave out 5700 pages of religious reading, and did the heavy physical labor to make our Young People's Camp possible that I reported last monthe. Thank you again for this wonderful oppertunity.

Sincerely yours.

Rev. B.J. Bingle

Iw. ... Burge.

College, alaska Oct. 4/43. Dear Dr. King: Dr. Keeler has been here andgone Best is driving him to Calmer & anchorage by way of the alean Highway + then by the vien High. way holding services enroute We enjoyed im very much. Tun he was in alsoka 12 yrs ago he baptized James in Cordova. 12 yro ago today he decheated the Fairbank's Church. Sorry you are leaving the office in e and bord arrived waterday of

October Report:

G Dr. Wordt B. King, Sec. Alaska Work and S.S. Missions Board of National Missions 156 Fifth Ave. N. Y. City. College, Alaska / Oct. 20, 1945.

My dear Dr. King:

This finds me busy, and getting to better fast. During the last of Jept., in addition to my other duties, I was responsible for bri ging in eleven young en from an outpost to be with the young folks of the First Presbyt rian Church here in Fairbanks for the week end. The first Church put on a mighty fine program and the enjoyment by the service men was a rethan w rds can tell. We all hope that such a program can be repeated.

Then, Dr. Keeler of lew York came. I met him at the airport, was with him a few days, and during to at time took him to where some isquimo young men from Barrow and Wainwright are working as civilians. After visit time we looked up some from the same place who are in uniform. These we were enabled to get into our hole for an eveing of visit, worship and recreation.

After a two day trip which I took out on my fold I sterted with Ir. Feeler for Anchorage, going by the way of two towns towar the Canadian border. At these two places and others enroute Dr. Keeler was able to see our field of work, just in part, and to depermine its problems and its needs. Dr. Leeler spoke at one place where we held worship.

Enroute to Anchorage the Loctor dould see some of our transportation problems. He had the experience of expecting to get clipped by 15 tons r rolling at us in good speed at a sharp rock bluff, then being missed. He also had the experience of passing through some good mud holes of unusual length. First we looked over our engine to see that it was working at its maximum capacity, the we saw that our chains were on 6.K. Next we backed up to where we could get a good running start, then we gave it all the Standard gasoline it could take. Into that mud hole we went, looking as if we need either mud skids or pontoons. Tho the rud was about two feet deep in places we went through. Later on thru one canyon the Doctor had to busy himself by rolling rocks out of the way so the driver could make his way over the skiddy and n t too wide a road. In many of those places the driver is not allowed one mistake.

After the conclusion of the work at Anchorage Dr. Meeler left for Juneau. After my labors in the vacinity were ended I left for the Canadian boarder country on the new highway, caring for the many places of worship. Hard work and close quarters are in store for all workmen, no recreation, no news paper, &very few radioes if any for entersimment. Requests have come to me repeatedly, also to Dr. Meeler on his visit, for something to give more enjoyment in the men's labors. Consequently I carried my slides with me and also film from the Experimental Farm in the Matanuska valley. So in the evenin beside the worship I tried to give visual education and entertainment. All were well appreciated. Shifts come off at 12 midnight so at one camp I had worship etc after the time of one A.M.

At present both Rev. Crawford and myself expect to leave on quite a long trip, maybe gone some few weeks, if we can drive the road and get to our destination.

Sincerely,

I dislike to write general letters and send them to friends but frankly you would not be able to get a letter at all from myself if I did not have one mimeographed. I just do not have the time to write personal letters as I would like. Our friends are many and time is Bislittle. I guess I am like that proverbial cat on the tin roof.

I made one trip to Anchorage recently, Doctor Keeler of our New York office being along. I took him by the way of Alaska's Burma road, namely our new highways. Just imagine a person right off Fifth Ave. in New York City and putting him in these woods and mountains, in a car that has to battle its way about cliffs and sharp rocks, over steep grades and down thru nearly perpendicular conyons, meeting traffic that is almost unbelievable in volume. Well, the Doctor was gome and I tell you unwillingly I gave him some bad thrills. Some looked bad too me too. If all that come out of our New York office is made of the same "stuff" as he is they can all come and I will

take them over our"Burma Road". He was a real sport!

My work still takes me over toward Canada and into many other places for calling and worship. These respective places are more in abundance that the nonobserver realizes. Both younger and older men are there. Some as enlisted men, many as civilians. It takes a great deal of fortitude to keep going, even for one's country, when you are separated from your loved ones and placed in quarters where there are more men and sometimes plenty of them. Feeling the urgency to give the comforting presence of the gospel to such, both Rev. Crawford who works parallel with me and myself attempt to get into such places as often as possible. We do not get to see our families or loved ones either with the frequency that we would like to. We do not like that. But as long as most of you to whom this letter is addressed has to undergo more of this than we do we should be ashamed to even think of spending more time at home.

Just now we are about to leave on an extended stay. We hope to get into an area that we learn has not yet been visited by any POCTESTANT elergy. As Winter is just about here we are equipting ourselves to stand most any kind of temperature. The new parks that I had made by a Barrow girl, the reindeer skins coming from Wales, will do its

To you men of the Alaska Unit in service I send my best wishes. To you who are still down the Aleutians or over on the Islands I again wish for you the presence of the great Unseen Friend and componion who will ever be with you. As this letter will also go to some of you on the high sease, or in over sea units I ask God's richest blessing upon you. Keep up your proyer life, you owe it to yourself. For you on the Alean, or in the Air Corps overthe Alean or over the Islands I want to send you may very best wishes. Some of you may have gone back to the States. May God cesompany you there too.

For my Esquimo friends of the North, or the teachers and missionaries up there too, I want you to know that as a family we remember you in our prayers. God can be very real to you! - I wish I had the faith that some of you have that come from the for North. A recent letter from Howard of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island is very touching

in its statement of answer to pr yer when he was so very ill.

And to those of my Scminery class who may get this letter I want to say "Hello", best wishes, and God bless you. I add that to and for you officers in the Arm Forces of our nation. To the civilians in constnuction may you ever experience the personal presence of the Great Eternal Guest.

Sincerely, Rev. B.J., Mrs. B.J., Vella, &Jimmy

College Bada

aloska Unit & S.S. Mins.

Loard & Whateony Missions

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There & Joh. N.y.

My dear Sir. It stark as to whom to write, But here is my report. How will Link nortes on certain Parts which may bell keep things clear. I had a letter or por mr. Roberts relative to the monthly Expense coming from War Time Service. As I am under a dual arrangement the Expense should come from both or other arrangement as you say fit. That I a some runs he made chargest at the office.

Tundrels I milks. Place for writing are numerous, It looks now as if the existing to be covered many we doubled where a few more months. If this item has been and the Preshytman Eliment is there which are drilled church and have construction that faith and no one is carring for these construction we may or sure will be acting for more Relf. This will be new senie or kells was here.

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Alaska Highway This summer a new member was added to The work after request came from myself for an additional worker, the work having aren done - previous to this time under Sunday rehast Missions. R letter from Dr. King on apr. 29 thstated that he had conversed with he new member I had written about, namely his. Lavid Prawlard T. Cardova, and we was the added to the staff, stated, we shall debend upon you to derict time in his activities. now since the new alants for mouthly reports came Tasked in to give us report blank one as mairman of the Vresay try Committee and to my surprise I line ! lat he is the Quairman is all insormation was been subsequently sent to him. - now 9 would like to know what is the score. were the Thiefol teat aires our his report blank this assistant, or is he to rake of The duel arrangement that all will ve 以为多种 - INTERIOR

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December 9, 1943

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College, Alaska. Dec. 15, 1943.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary Unit of work in Alaska. Board of National Missions 156 Fifth Ave New York, 10, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

May I congratulate you on your new appointment. I too was indeed happy to meet you while in the States. May your years ahead in this field be exceedingly fruitful.

You will find all reports enclosed that deals with the phases of work. Dr. King requested that my reports be sent to his office first and he would forward the original for one phase of the work to the proper person. That is the reason why I have had little correspondence with the other offices dealing with War Time Service. I will continue to send those reports on through your office if that is alright with you. I really prefer to deal with just one office as I seem to get all mixed up when I communicate with too many folks about this double phase work. Accordingly then forward to whoever should get it, the reports

I am attaching the duplicate report blank (an extra) to state why I wrote Dr. Dalzell regarding Rev. Crawford's supposed chairmanship of the War Time Service in the Presbytery. It is not a matter of relationship in work from the standpoint of getting the task accomplished. Rev. Crawford is a good worker, he is well liked, and incidently is a good snow shoveler too when one gets in those nine foot drifts as we did the other night. The army officers appreciated his tireless efforts. But this duplicate report blank says Presbytery's headquarters, or synods, is the place to have it forwarded. I assumed I was to get the report so asked for it. "e said nothing but if he is the person that should have the blank I, as senior member, should forward my report to him. What do you say to yet satisfy my curiosity, let us both send our duplicate copies to you? In a way I would like to have Rev. Crawford's reports as I think we might be running at cross purposes. We can get statements of conditions and requests out of balkance. I do not care for his personal letters to the office. That is his business and he is entitled to have it so. Put if this work grows, and it is evidence that it will, unless we keep things efficient at the top we will make confusion in your minds back in the office.

The telegrams were received from Dr. Roberts of War Time Dervice. I note his efforts to assist in our new growth in the work. I am writing Dr. Keeler about this matter as he knows the road, I recently sent him a map, and I would suggest you have a conference with him as to locations. Wish I could personally give you a picture of present and prospective events. Giving you the best of the season's greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely,

B.J. Bright

MONTHLY REPORT

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Church or Project served Alaska and North-West For the month ending Dec. 14, 1943

Synod Washington

Presbytery.... ...Yukon

Name & address of worker Rev. B. J. Bingle, College, Alaska.

What marked change has there been in the situation which would increase or decrease the need for your services?

The only evidence one has of change is evidence for more work. Plenty now we have not yet touched.

What were your activities during the past month? Express your judgment as to the effectiveness of the various phases of your work. List activities and average attendance of these. State number of visits made.

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Due to transition from Autumn and summer work to Winter work and numbers the response was not as great as that of last month. The average attendance for the 17 times of worship numbered at least christian folk were unable to attend due to night labors etc.

We dare not let these men, women, and small number of youngfolk who were not accepted by draft boards to be without the church in such remote and unusual places. We must carry on-, we must increase.

What are your plans for the next period? Do the same thing all over again but try to do it better.

Attach materials which you have developed which you think will have value to other war service workers as well as pictures and publicity material which can be used in the promotion of the War-time Service Fund.

I have not developed any, have not had time. Wish I could have. I have been putting out personal letters to men in camps, but most enlisted men. These I have had good responses from. I try to get a mimeographed letter out once each month, adding a personal mote. I hope that I can continue that too as it has meant much to me and to the boys.

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- Yukon Presbytery in Alaska.

College, Alaska. Dec. 15, 1943.

To the office of Sunday School Missions and War time Service of Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Board of National Missions 156 Fifth Ave.

My dear SirsL

This month has again been a very busy one. Rev. Crawford and myself have found territory where fathers, some mothers, sons and some daughters of our good people's all over the United States are working and no one to minister to them. These we have added to our work as reported in last months letter. We feel that it is imperative that these folks have religious services, so we make the extra runs. We truly hope that the promised assistance will be forth com/ing in due time, in the meantime we will carry on.

Seventeenservices were held by myself this last month, the number of miles covered were 2886. Calls that were made numbered235. The pages of religious matter that I distributed were 7365.

The distance of 900 miles or more, which is that distance from New York to Chicago, which we have made these last two months so folks would have Thanksgiving and mas services, is productuve of interesting incidents. One is supprised at the College and diversity graduates that he finds along the way. These may be doing hard labor but they are doing their bit for the country in need, and you should see them climb to the top, or be given work of respontability. The number of school teachers in the lat is not small. At one worship far up on the Norman Well road a former grid star of the Univ. of Ill. was in my services. At another place one with two degrees and planning for the third was head of a construction job for the making of this same road. At still a third place was a pastor of a Chicago church, having had to discontinue work because of health temporarily. This man was the right cook, has been very helpful in our work and has given liberally to further its promotion. By his contribution Bibles were secured for the road. --- And enclosed you will find a check as a gift to War Time service, his contribution for the month of December.

On the last trip back we encountered a snow storm. Temporarily delayed we visited with men we had not had the opportunity to see much of before, also to get some sleep as we had been on the go for two nights and two days after a short try at that we decided with a few other drivers to make a try for getting to Pairbanks. We started at 6:30 at night--Night up here now you know-- and after three hours going thru show as deep as 9 feet we made the next inhabitance on the road 42 miles away. From there on it was not bad but driving till 10 the next morning left one again in need of that which one calls rest. My car had the crank shaft go bad on me and that made me"thumb" my way. I roce good sedans and army pickups, I rode coal trucks, and jeeps, I rode G.I. Studebakers, and a "cat". The last 160 miles I rode on the back end of a housed G.I. truck being spanked all the way. At one place as I was reclining on the baggage we hit a glacier and I like to left a rib there. Nome I was at 2 A.M. Of course services were held on that return as usual.

Plans are now made for the Christmas season, I leave in the m raing. returning Christmas day. I pray that these next few days may be made very worth while. --- Some of these camps are hard nuts to crack. The number may be small, at times none there can sing to assist the "needed to improve" pastor. Every service must be in a mess hall and the h urs of eating make one hold services about eight or eight-thirty. Since menget up about 5:30 they should be retiring after a hard days work at the time worship is held. In the winter months of darkness and cold these—not young—men dont feel like leaving the bunk too far after the days work is over.—his has been notived in Dec. over and above any other month.

a bad mistake when I mentioned it a year ago that I needed a new car for the extra hard work that I was to face in the next 24 months, that we did not go thru with it, moving heaven and earth to get a new car. Now I am paying the price by not being able to do my work as effective as I want to do it, and taking the knocks both physically and otherwise by trying to thumb. A "thumbing" minister cannot be the minister he should be. My car is just 2½ years old now and already there has been as much money spent on it as the original purchasing price. The months ahead will be worse. To make it still more a problem I have not been able to get any ahead for the purchase of a new car, if one should be possible in the future. I am making this statement about the car as the following months will show my expense account to be high.

Next Month I will take a final trip for a time to the Eastward over the area mentioned. In Feburary Miss Stauffer wishes me to come over to Wales on my annual trip. Since there are many whites in that area now it will be a part of my program to get to where their labor is being conducted. Then just as a note of preparation I will say that the possibility of having more labor for us in that direction is one to have in mind.

I trust this will cover the main items for your information. I can give no apologues. My hurry to get the mail out once I get home, hurry to get back on the field, hurry to get wood in the bacement, and an attempt to get on a pair of skis with my youngsters leaves these lesters both unromantic and with plenty of typographical errors.

With the best of the seasons wishes I remain.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. B. J. Bingle

- please forward proper copy as per arrangement.

College, Alaska Dec. 15, 1943.

Dr. A. B. Keeler War Service Unit Board of National Missions 156 Fifth Ave. New York. (10) N. Y.

My dear Dr. Keeler:

Thanks for your fine letter. Was surely happy to hear from you again. Your trip must have been a great stimulation for the work of the church. I want to say that I know of no other I would have rather had with me for our trip and survey. You were a good companion over such roads. Frankly I shivered when I thought of going over the road from Tok Junction to the Richardson Highway via that mountain route. I knew the trucks would be there and we not only went in on a wing but certainly on my prayers at least. -- How about that one truck coming around that overhanging rock when we ducked and waited for the click of fenders which never came! -- Well, I wish I could have seen you once more after the trip I took and wrote you about.

From Whitehorse the other day I sent you a map passed by the Canadian censors and approved by our U.S. Legation. If you take that map and look at it I will give you the places of work as I found it. From where we went- Northway- to the boarder there are now two places of labor. Crossing over the boarder and continuing East till we come to the Junction of the Haines road there are nine respective places, some of which have quite a number of workers- none less than forty, where there is no one holding worship except the faithful priests. In other words there is no protestant work carried on there at all, - or was not till we picked it up on that trip in November. On the Haines road there are three or four quite large camps and about the same number small ones of a dozen to fifteen men in each. These are all maintainance units, with the exception of a few which are still construction, like bridges. Then besides these there are about three small but permanent units of work which will include about 10 or 12 men each. These are all folks from the U.S.A. Many are our Presbyterian people, a good percentage Protestant.

About Whitehorse there are about as many people as was in Fairbanks a few years ago. The opportunities for worship should be much greater than that those of the present time. As near as I can find out there is little or no pastoral work done. Visiting those in their remote areas I find that it takes a mighty strong person to stand up against the pull downward that is in construction camps. The folk hunger for the gospel, they hunger for the ers n that can pray with them and talk spiritual things over to a helpful way. This is the one group I suggested should be referred to the United church of Canada. If they do not tackle the work and do it right away, for the sake of our future church in U.S.A. and for the individuals themselves we should do something about that condition. Frankly those people cannot warm up to a minister who comes along and reads a few prayers, and has something to say in a way that will not give the person somthing to live by in a tough place. Of course I, with consideration, refer to the church of England's reprentative that covers that area, but to a light degree.

The second area, not counting the vacinity of whitehorse, is about 100 miles East of Whitehorse going North to the field where oil is to come from. This is the much disputed area that is before the senate right now and that Under Secretary Patterson stated was being constructed- revealed in the press. Beside the talk camp bein at the place called Johnson there are up to a dozen or more Samps leading North. A church of England man has gone up that road since Rev. Crawford and myself covered the area in Nov. But that is the first he has gone. He has been in some camps at Johnson. I understand from the men at camp that he has been assigned to the area of the highway extending some few hundred miles but I also understand from men who insisted that we return regardless that the ministry provided just does not bring a response, to a degree of four or five worshippers out of a few hundred. That will not be good for those young women there, away from home trying to do their bit for their country. It will not be good for the men there, many of wharh are fathers. At my services there 6 mights ago I never had a more appreciative audience. Tears were shed, prayers went to God as never before in any of my meetings. These were all men and women from the United States -- they are not folks who live or expect to live in Canada.

Again there is the Norman Wells area of which I wrote to you last. This you say you have referred to the United Church of Cahada and to the Presbyterian Church there .--- But action needs to be taken. The condition has gone on two years already. Again they are our USA folk. -- But since thas area, and the white horse area will be a permanent work the shave churches should do something. If they do not I suggest we get someone to care for the work temporarily till they do.

According to your telegrams sent I feel that there is confusion in your mind about the two areas mentioned, you stating that they were Mast of Palmer. Those two areas are 1st: - one from the Alaska boarder to the Haines road and down the Haines road, and second: - the area about Johnson and above. The road above is not on that map. It follows Horth on the trail. - These two areas are work in comada.

Again according to your letter Rev. Carwford is to cover this area, or two areas. The way we have it arranged now he is already covering the area from beyond the Tanana River above Tok Junction to the white River. I cover the area from his starting point to Fairbanks. "e do the best we can seperately in those respective places and then join together and go down to cover the areas one and two mentioned That saves car transportation, but the thumbing is not so "hot" right now. We have used what available transportation we can find beyond our own but for weeks now things are so conjected that even employees cannot travel. The quitters have gummed things up. Even men promised to get to home for Christmas if they stayed by their contracts cannot go, they are having to return to their posts. no transportation .-- "ence more important we get to them often. I think It is better that we continue as now, working till we get reinforcements and then we will make different arrangements. The new person could cars for that area or areas if some such could be found and it would fit with the Board's policy.

I wish to add another note- camps East f here will be all () used this next Surmer- I believe. There may be --- just may be -- an additional work, again reintroduced, as spoken of when you were here.

We. Crawford and self, must keep an eye on that.



- Martine

Now for a few words about my car .- It is laid up again! I am having to put still more money in on it. For the sake of what might come up in the future here, I am certain it would be the only wise and practical thing to do, that, if one could find a car in the East that I catch something fast and come out and drive it up. Is there not something you can find in N.Y. that will do the work. I can sell my car and get some returns for it, but if it has to go thru the next two years, and it looks as if heavy work will last that long, then it just will not go thru that job I am sure. To pay for such a car I have not the money, not one thing to advance. If such can be cared for by you folks and take it from my salary, repaying what I can when my car is sold, then I could make the payments. -- But it seems use-less to talk about a car when all these months I have not been able to interest anyone in getting one for me. --- You can tell better than I whether one can be found. But if I did come to get one it would have to be in January. Miss Stauffer wants me to come North at the earliest time this year. I thought February would be that time. Let me know what you can learn about it. -- You could perhaps get a permit from the office. I did have one from here, I may be able to get another.

As I must leave in a few hours and be gone for about 9 or 10 days I will hasten this to a close. — am hoping Dr. Jackman and Dr. Roberts will be able to converse with youasout to the work as to location after you receive this letter.

Sincerely,

Ru. B. J. Brigle,

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College, Alaska Dec. 30, 1943.

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Enclosed find reports due eithe now or before many days. Aleso you will dind enclosed a statement asked for by Dr. Fing.

I received a communication from Dr. Roberts of War Time Service and he states all communication from now on are to clear thru your office. That will be very much better, I think it is confusing to have to keep in correspondence with too many in the office. It soom will make complications. -- But I certainly wish to have the other branch of the work informed as to what is going one I believe Dr. Roberts has not had too much information regarding my part of the work.

In the recent letter rec'd from Dr. Roberts he refers to the subject of seeking a worker for some time service rather than short term appointment. If Rev. Bromley of 35 years experience in Alaska, and I with 15 years experience, and Rev. Crawford with three and one-half years experience had not thought it would have been not only good wisdom but extremely essential to have a worker in a certain area, even if for only a short time, we would not have sent those wires, that is to have them there before the Christmas season. -- we who get to see our families every now and then cannot hope to realize what it means to a family man to be compelled to be absent from his family over those long stretches of time, and especially over the holiday season. When strong men come to your services and break down aftery like young sters its time we as a church do something about bring that least the church to their doors. I have stated before how rarely we get t visit, and how there are no 61 others having services for them except the Catholic Pathers who are doing a most excellent and efficient work. -- You can bet your life that the forces of evil are in those camps at Christmas time. I heard one man refuse thrity-five doblars a quart for whiskey because it was near Christmas and he wanted more. But the reverse is true as to drunkedness. It may be scarce, but the intoxicants are not. Putting good family men in with a lot of tough "boomers" is hurtful in the first place. Then not have the church stay by them, except the Catholic Fathers, is very hartful in the second place. (I am saving all the above just to give you the reason for my wires. I take it for ranted you could not find a person as requested. But let us not overlook the fact that the Christian Church as a wh le will be held accountable for its neglect .-- Also someone coming alon, and just readin, prayers is not going to do the task)

I had a note regarding the car I have been using hard for 21 years. Hever will one know what that car has been through, for the cause of whist and the young folk of America. I would do it again. I have thumbed everything I can thumb while the car is laid up. I rode home Christmas morths on the back end of a refrigerator truck, much below zero locked in, arriving affive in the : raing to make my schedule -- to heat either. I say the above to give you a picture of costs. I paid for the car

orignally, and I have never included all the costs and up-keep in my expense account. The \$235.00 repair bill as allowed by the War Time Service was a repair bill caused mostly because my car was stolen by a man in service, and rolled. I could have collected insurance but then there would have been a suit, someone one would have gone to Levensworth, a number of officers would have been in bad and the Presbyterian Church would have never been allowed from that day on on the highway that all other civilians are barred from without Government contract at this very moment. -- The job done did not hold up, the engine threw a rod, scored the crank shaft and I have more to do now with the car than I had to do in the first place. I have written Dr. Keeler about the car offering a solution. One cannot hit the pace we are hitting and not have to pay out to run equiptment. The Government men say, "I dont see how you can get off withoso little repair bills. It costs us much more".

Now if new areas are opened up, there is some thought that there will be, I am going to have to posess equiptment that will take the road. If I do not have the equiptment I will have to discontinue the labor. I pointed that same fact out one year age, I have gotten by till now. But if another strenuous program is in store for my car then I know that I will not be able to do the task. Too, war make equiptment and tires are not holding up. It might cost more to get a prewar car but such car will do the task longer. Since I am willing to pay for my own car, it will have to come from salary financed thru your office however, I should have someone try finding me one. I had my brother-in-law in Ohio on the job for sometime looking for a car but he just could not locate one. It may be too late for you too.

I was up at the United States Engineer office this morning getting a written permit so I could "thumb" a ride on their equiptment for another thirty days. I was able to get it, the Lapt. was very nice to me, but I just have the feeling that all our value to the USED will be negated by such continued coming to them for the permit.

The reason I have written so lengthy and to the abrupt point is to tell you the seriousness of the situation. If I could speak with you personally about the whole matter, or you could take a trip with me over the areas where we have been working, I am positive you would see that I have minimized the whole subject rather than over emphasized it.

Now as to the checks that have come in on the work. According to my book account my thurch and Camp activities allotment of \$50.00 each month has not been received for November and December. The latter could be in the mail, or mappe both of them. But they were omitted from the checks as they were previously sent. --- I wish to report for Rev. Crawford too that the allotment of \$100.00 as promised when he was back at General Assembly, to come in Oct. for work done in Cordova, Ch. and Camp Act., has not only not arrived but the payments of \$50.00 each month for the last number of months has never been received. Have such payments been cancelled?

Wishing you the very best for the new year's work, I am, Yours Sincerely,

Rational Missions Report Supplement

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Jukon, Creshytery. Problems on high! 1 - War has closed gold mines temporarily - majority of Those are hard to reach because of difficult transportations 2. Important War Prime Work must be carried on - large sections of adulto have seen or heard by presence & minister in months. Those areas must be reached Therefore touch with the ocaltered few are less less. 3 - Difficulty in telling whatour work is + how progressing due to war ansorship. 1- more time or leavers in day or day in week! 2- at present for me - better transportation. 1- The S.S. literature furnished is adequate - key present allatment coming-Prix Beginsterial - Forwards -Home Dept quarterlies. 2 - The 100 90-Day allatment is very helpful - keep that coming each mouth. (gan. numbers are not here yet) 3. The Pamphleto, the Devotional gudes to enlisted men, the Spiritual advance are very good. They go as fastes can be secured.

As the year 1943 draws to a close we take inventory of our work, seeing its good points, correcting- we hope, its bad ones. As a family we have been much on the road visiting camps, most of which were construction. Services were, or are, held in the respective camps, sometimes bits of entertainment with Alaska pictures. School for the children has slowed down our going as a family so I have been going alone- yet we do get out some together at that.

A little survey of last month will give an idea of the work. As the head(?) of the family, and of course Sunday School Missionary and War Time Services Worker I traveled 2930 miles, made 274 calls, held 23 worship services, and distributed 13,400 pages of Religious Literature. We Used to report the number of conversions. That number I cannot tell about, but putting it the opposite way I feel that we have helped many from slipping into neglect and carelessness in their spiritual relationship with their Lord and Master.

The territory covered this year also has been varied. It has reached from Whittier on the South to the Yukon River on the North. The distance I personally covered from North and West to East and South has been from Wales on the Bering Straight to 100 miles East of White Horse and North on the road to the new oil field in Canada. - You can imagine how varied this may be.

You ask, "How was the Word of God received?" I answer, "with gratitude in every place". Of course not all came out, not even 50% except in a few places. It must be remembered it is the individual with Christian virtues in the camp that keeps the camp livable. Camps are not located in cities with all their advantages, but for from town surrounded by miles and miles of woods. So those that depend upon their Heavenly Father for daily sustenance welcome the apportunity for worship. Dare we do less than give them the apportunity? - Yet there is one place of about 2000- mostly men-where up to this writing no Protestant minister has gone. Such location has been established now two full years. These are white folks, civilians, mostly fathers from our United States homes, stretching from Minnesota to Texas, from Maine to California.

Christmas then to us means giving such that comes under our work the best opportunity for cooperative worship. It will be a poor attempt in some places but we hope better where we have accessability.

To you who are in these camps, to you who are laborers or in exceutive positions, to you who are in the armed forces, to you who are scattered from where it is bitter cold to where it is very hot, from where it is dry like the interior to where it is WET and the wind blows to a gale as the Alcutians, to the Esquino and to the white, to our friends in normal places of life, and to our deer relatives are sty, "Merry Marry Christmas and Happy New Year? May the God above he your companion over. Sincerely, to Bingles is Alcohol.

B. J. Bingle

